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Levy-PM feud on back burner as FM vacations

SARAH HONG. EFFORTS to peacefully conclude the saga of Foreign Minister David Levy's umbrage will be put on the back burner for most of this week as Levy leaves for the US today to attend a private wedding. He will be gone four days. Levy will be traveling with his political ally, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon. They will be guests of honor at the wedding of a Likud activist and will be back on Thursday. The trip was cleared with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who will be substituting for Levy until his return. Levy's absence comes after he failed to attend the weekly cabinet session on Friday, thereby escalating a week of sulking on his part. Earlier, he had failed to show up for other ministerial sessions, as well as for the inner-cabinet meeting with Netanyahu. Levy spent all of Friday at his Beit She'an home. Levy's confidants maintain that he had planned to go to the wedding all along and that this is not another demonstrative absence from the arena. However, in the Likud there are suggestions that had things not been so strained, Levy might not necessarily have gone now to a Likud supporter's marriage ceremony. Levy, it is noted, has a long record of significant absences and used this method of broadcasting his pique with past prime ministers, including the late Menachem Begin. Sources close to the prime minister, however, suggest that this might be Levy's way of lowering the temperature and backing away from a crisis. Meanwhile, over the weekend, Levy aides did not repeat the threats that he might resign if not allowed a greater role in the negotiations with Israel's neighbors. There are suggestions from Levy's circle that contacts with the Prime Minister's Office might be pursued during Levy's absence by some of his aides. However, it is doubtful whether such relatively low-level talks can bring about a solution to Levy's claims that he is being snubbed.

Ne'eman attacks A-G again. FORMER justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman charged Friday that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision to open a criminal investigation against him was motivated by "extraneous considerations." Ne'eman made the remark at Friday's cabinet meeting, during which he explained his decision to step down from his post. Ne'eman resigned Thursday after Ben-Yair's announcement that police would investigate whether he had obstructed justice during the investigation of Shas MK Arye Deri. Ben-Yair's decision came in response to a petition to the High Court of Justice filed by a *Globe* journalist, which included an allegation that Ne'eman had tried to persuade a witness in the Deri trial not to cooperate with the police. Ne'eman told the cabinet he was sure his innocence would be proved but that he felt it would be improper to continue holding the Justice portfolio during the investigation, even though the law does not oblige him to resign. Ben-Yair refrained from commenting on Ne'eman's remarks and merely read the cabinet's statement of the previous day regarding the decision to open the investigation. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reiterated his belief in Ne'eman and said he hopes Ne'eman would soon reclaim the portfolio. Speaking on Channel 1's Friday (Continued on Page 2)



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meets with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Cairo yesterday. (Reuters)

Arafat, Mubarak: Settlement policy very disturbing

CAIRO (Reuters) - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and senior Fatah officials in Cairo yesterday to forge a strategy to counter Israel's decision to continue building in existing settlements. "The settlements [issue] is the main issue of our discussion tonight," said PA Social Affairs Minister Intisar Wazir. "We want to send a message all over the world... to push the peace process, to continue negotiations and of course to put political pressure on Israel to stop expansion of settlements because this is very dangerous to the peace process," Wazir told reporters. Arafat met Mubarak and told him that he was "very disturbed" by the settlement issue. Arafat also met with 16 members of his mainstream Fatah faction in Andalous Palace, his official residence in Cairo. Before the PLO leader opened the session last night with the central committee of his Fatah movement, Wazir said she hoped the outside world would help make Israel live up to past agreements. PLO political department head Farouk Kaddoumi, a vocal critic of the Oslo accords, attended the meeting, which brought together officials from the self-rule areas and from abroad. Fatah member and senior Palestinian official in Jerusalem Faisal Husseini said the Cairo meeting was aimed at finding ways to face what he said were attempts by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to deny the Palestinians their rights. After Arafat's meeting with Mubarak, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said the two leaders were both upset by Israel's settlement move and its decision on Friday to refuse to reopen peace talks until the PA's Jerusalem offices were shut. Moussa described the plan to build new settlements as "a grave danger to the peace process." Asked how the leaders would deal with Israel's demand to shut down offices in Jerusalem, Moussa replied "not in a positive way." Neither Arafat nor Mubarak made statements. Moussa said the two leaders agreed to continue meetings between themselves and with other Arab leaders toward restarting the Palestinian-Israeli talks as soon as possible. Palestinian sources said several of the central committee members were disappointed that Arab countries were not giving stronger backing to the Palestinians. The sources said that Arafat is resisting advice from Mubarak and King Hussein to give Netanyahu more time to fulfill agreements with the Palestinians. Arafat has begun to feel that only stronger actions by the Arabs and Palestinians will force Netanyahu to keep the agreements, and move forward with peace talks, the sources said. Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu (Continued on Page 2)

Netanyahu: Peace talks can't progress unless PA shuts down Jerusalem offices

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said on Friday that he would not move forward to the peace talks unless the Palestinian Authority shut down its offices in Jerusalem. "We cannot make progress in negotiations with the Palestinian Authority as long as there are violations [of the Oslo accords] in Jerusalem and in every instance we will act to close down offices operating illegally in Jerusalem," Netanyahu told the cabinet on Friday.

Faisal Husseini, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said that closing down Orient House, the PLO's headquarters in the city, would be a setback for Palestinians and Israelis alike. "For Palestinians [Orient House] is a symbol of Jerusalem, which means that its closure would symbolize the exclusion of Jerusalem from the peace process and a loss of hope," the

Friday edition of the international Arabic newspaper *Asharq al-Awsat* quoted Husseini as saying. Netanyahu also criticized Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani for the compromise he made last week with PA Council member Hattem Abdel Khader. The PA legislator had opened an office in his east Jerusalem home earlier this month to serve

his constituents. Kahalani ordered the office closed, but then settled for a declaration by Khader that the office had no connection to the PA. Netanyahu said he was not satisfied with the agreement. "I gave an unequivocal directive to the internal security minister to close the office of Hattem Abdel Khader... and I request that these directives be carried out," Netanyahu told the cabinet.

Dole picks Kemp as running mate to Republicans' delight

RUSSELL, Kansas - Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole yesterday formally announced that Jack Kemp, an ebullient conservative in the Ronald Reagan mold, would be his vice-presidential running mate. With a beaming Kemp at his side, Dole made the announcement in his hometown a day before flying to San Diego where he will receive the party's nomination to challenge incumbent President Bill Clinton. Opinion polls show Dole far behind Democrat Clinton. Having chosen the former football player as his running mate, Dole hoped to debut the Dole-Kemp ticket with a red, white and blue rally at the rural courthouse where his political career began. But a drenching rain threatened to move the festivities to a covered exposition hall at his house yesterday morning briefly to look up at the sky as he awaited the arrival of Kemp, a former housing secretary and New York congressman. Republicans gathering for next week's National Convention were electrified by the choice of Kemp. Illinois Representative Henry Hyde, who chaired the Republican platform committee this week, said Kemp's presence on the ticket would help broaden Dole's appeal to minorities. "With blacks, with the Jewish

community, with inner city group, Jack Kemp has a marvelous history of connecting," he said. Asked about Dole's past disagreements with Kemp, Hyde said: "People who agree on everything I'm always suspicious of. They bring together experience, wisdom, energy and youth. You get a very fine package in these two men." Dole and Kemp have been rivals - and antagonists - for years. They were unsuccessful candidates for the 1988 presidential nomination, and both were passed over as George Bush's running mate. Dole had hoped to keep his choice of vice-presidential running mate a surprise until yesterday's event. But even as American flags were being stationed Friday along Main Street for yesterday's formal announcement, Republican activists were voicing enthusiasm about the selection of Kemp, a sometime Dole antagonist. Nelson Warfield, Dole's press secretary, said that the former Senate majority leader reviewed newspaper clips yesterday morning announcing his selection. He said Dole was pleased with the coverage of his decision and particularly "impressed that [former New York Gov.] Mario Cuomo had called the choice formidable." Campaign sources said Dole made the offer - and Kemp accepted - in a 15-minute tele-

phone call late Friday night. The pair planned to meet at Dole's boyhood home before the rally and a triumphant entrance at the Republican Party's San Diego convention site today. "We've got a veep, the curtain goes up on the drama of taking the White House back from Bill Clinton," spokesman Nelson Warfield said after Dole placed the call from his living room. "I can't tell you who the other party was, but I can tell you he was extremely enthusiastic. You could hear him through the phone." Two sources familiar with the conversation said Kemp was Dole's choice, ending a months-long review. Dole sifted through a handful of popular governors and three former Senate colleagues before turning to Kemp. Just a month ago, Kemp predicted his stormy relationship with Dole - and a history of deep differences over economic policy - would keep him from being considered. But by Friday, the 61-year-old former professional football player's tune had changed. "Quarterbacks are always ready," he declared. Kemp played the key quarterback position for two clubs before going into politics. The Dole team also was ready, arriving here with a vice-presidential staff already assembled and former Commerce Department official Wayne Berman at the helm



Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole (right) and his newly announced running mate Jack Kemp shake hands with a crowd gathered at a campaign rally in Russell, Kansas yesterday. (Reuters)

as manager. Veteran Republican strategist Charlie Black, who ran Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's unsuccessful primary bid this year, was also drafted. Democrats greeted Kemp's selection with footballs bearing the slogan: "Hail Mary Pass." A

"Hail Mary" is a desperation play in football. But Cuomo said Kemp could. (Continued on Page 2)

Swiss Police arrest Amiram Hochberg in connection with murder

FOLLOWING a complicated international investigation, Swiss Police yesterday arrested Dr. Amiram Hochberg in connection with the murder of his companion's mother in May in Rehovot. Hochberg and his 12-year-old son, Itai, were found in Basel after they disappeared following the murder of Itai's grandmother, Ida Bleichman, and the disappearance of his mother, Shlomit Bleichman. Swiss police arrested Hochberg yesterday in a studio apartment in Basel, Central District police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky said yesterday evening. Itai had grown his hair long and was dressed like a girl, Itim

reported. After the murder, the two apparently had reached Switzerland via Italy by traveling on forged passports. Ida Bleichman's body was found on May 21, 1996, in her Rehovot apartment after Shlomit had been reported missing from her job at the Weizmann Institute the previous day. Ida had been shot dead with a bullet matching those in a pistol for which Hochberg has a license. Her body was found rolled up in a carpet. A senior police source said that Hochberg had called acquaintances here from Switzerland and

these calls had helped detectives track him and his son down. His common-law wife, Shlomit, the mother of his son, has not been found yet, and police presume she is dead. On May 22, Bleichman's car was found parked in a Rehovot side street with substantial bloodstains on the seats and containing some of her personal belongings. Later, DNA tests proved that the bloodstains matched those of Shlomit Bleichman. Several days later a van hired by Hochberg was found at the Taba border crossing into Egypt.

Records disclosed that Hochberg and Itai had not crossed the border under their real names but had used false documents. Foreign police and Interpol were brought into the operation and Central District detectives were sent abroad in an effort to track down the pair. Yesterday a breakthrough in the search, which included electronic surveillance methods, revealed that Hochberg and Itai were in a rented apartment in Basel. Central District police have already started extradition proceedings against Hochberg. These usually take several months. (Continued on Page 2)

TO OUR READERS

Please note that the number 5 has been added to all the phone and fax numbers of the main office of The Jerusalem Post (all starting with the number 3). For example, the phone number of the switchboard - 315666 - is now 531-5666. Other changes: the phone number of the J.P. Funds is now 623-3986; of the Book Department and Post Mart, 624-1282, and their fax number is 624-1212. (Continued on Page 2)



Rehov Bar-Ilan protests pass quietly

THOUSANDS of haredim and secular activists demonstrated yesterday at Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan for and against a plan to close the thoroughfare during prayer times on Shabbat and holidays.

It was the sixth straight week in which demonstrations have been held over the closure issue.

The protests began in the afternoon, with some 2,000 haredim lining the sidewalks along the street and shouting, "Shabbos." Some stones were thrown at passing motorists, but there were no

injuries. Large numbers of policemen prevented the haredim from moving onto the street, arresting one haredim man.

At about 6 p.m., Meretz activists began a car procession on the street. About 25 cars with Israeli flags and posters reading, "Bar-Ilan will not be closed," drove up and down the street.

The haredim responded by shouting, spitting and throwing some stones.

About 1,000 secular activists also held a demonstration at the Sanhedria junction at 8 p.m. The

protesters hoisted placards reading, "Bibi will give Jerusalem to the haredim," and "Jerusalem is free."

Police said the protests passed relatively quietly, with few serious incidents. Some 600 policemen were on the scene to keep order.

On Thursday, a seven-member panel of High Court justices is to consider petitions on the closure of the road.

Police sources said they expect serious rioting and violence by haredim if the court refuses to allow the road to be closed. (Itim)



A haredim man walks with his son past a line of policemen on Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday. The police had a relatively easy Shabbat, as the demonstrations passed off quietly. (Reuter)

Labor youth, MKs demonstrate against government

DOZENS of young people affiliated with the Labor Party, as well as several of its MKs, demonstrated near the north Tel Aviv train station on Friday against the government's policy regarding the settlements, saying it threatens the peace process.

Carrying signs reading "We must continue towards peace," "Money for the neighborhoods, not for the settlements," and other slogans in support of Labor, the demonstrators protested the decision to remove the freeze on construction in the settlements.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli said that as long as the government makes progress in the peace process, it would have Labor's full support.

"But now we see [Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu] giving in to the extreme Right," Zvilli said, "making decisions on Hebron and on expanding settlements in areas that are in the heart of Palestinian areas, and [boasting] to invest tens of millions there instead of in the Negev and the Galilee, which threatens the diplomatic process. We will not be silent."

Zvilli said the opposition would not just be in the street but in the Knesset, though he added that such public demonstrations would continue weekly "as long as this government takes steps that threaten peace."

MKs Ra'anan Cohen and Yael Dayan also participated in the demonstration. (Itim)

Northern settlements demand ministerial forum to hear their problems

THE Forum of Heads of Confrontation Line Communities in the North demanded on Friday that a ministerial committee be appointed to address their communities' problems. The forum held an emergency meeting on Friday in Hufeish.

"We see ourselves as being the frontline outpost of Israel and we need to be treated like an outpost which needs tanks, machine guns or army units. We demand, therefore, that the government immediately form a ministerial committee for confrontation line communities

headed by a minister who can talk straight," forum chairman Shlomo Bubbut said. "The funds allocated for security must be released immediately."

The previous government had allocated NIS 37 million to build and equip shelters, but nothing has yet been done, according to Bubbut, Ma'alot-Tarshiha mayor.

Other measures which were discussed - such as tax reductions to cover the losses which industrialists and merchants incurred - also have not materialized, he said. (Itim)

KEMP

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hurt Democrats by appealing to minority voters.

Dole, who had joked about sneaking his mystery candidate through the back door, clearly delighted in prolonging the guessing game. "Beats working," he said.

The Dole campaign, stuck far behind President Clinton in public opinion polls, was counting on a bold vice presidential choice and a smooth convention next week to excite doubting Republicans.

Indeed, as word of Kemp's selection spread through San Diego, where Dole-Kemp T-shirts were already on sale, reaction among the Republican faithful was overwhelmingly positive.

"We now have a forward-looking, dynamic ticket. It will truly excite the country," said former Dole rival Steve Forbes, the flat-tax advocate whom Kemp endorsed during the primaries.

But a walk through downtown Russell suggested Kemp was not a surefire hit with all voters.

"Who? I don't know him. It should be a woman. They never pick a woman," complained Kaylee Karst, a clerk at Don Dawson Pharmacy, Pharmacist Mary Sturdy of nearby Keys chimed in that "since Kemp is from the East there's not a whole lot known about him here."

NE'EMAN

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evening news magazine. Ne'emán charged that there were obstacles against religious people at the Justice Ministry. The problem was particularly acute, Ne'emán said, in the department which deals with the High Court of Justice.

Meanwhile, in a speech at Kibbutz Ga'aton, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said his party will do everything possible to ensure that Ne'emán does not resume the post of justice minister, "even if he comes out of the investigation as white as a dove."

Ne'emán disqualified himself, Sarid said, by attacking the attorney-general and his staff and there is a real danger he would purge them if he returned to the ministry.

SWISS

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However, Itai - who is being cared for by consular officials in Basel - is expected to be flown back here this week. Police hope that he can shed light on the disappearance of his mother and the ensuing events.

"This child must have endured terrible traumas," an officer said. "The damage he must have suffered is probably irreparable."

Detectives have been sent to Basel to question Hochberg, who withdrew all his savings before leaving.

Jane's: Syria's air force a threat to Israel

SYRIA'S air force could pose a serious threat to Israel because of its large inventory of combat aircraft, the authoritative London-based defense publication *Jane's* said on Friday.

In a report, *Jane's* Sentinel Eastern Mediterranean said that while the Syrian air force lacked state-of-the-art technology it was still capable of making a lethal strike.

"Syria has a sizeable inventory of combat aircraft and a mass attack could allow it to tie up and saturate Israel's air defenses, allowing its formidable fleet of Su24 fighter-bombers to make a damaging attack on a target such as Tel Aviv," the report said.

"It is clear that the capability of the force goes far beyond a defensive posture," it said.

Israeli sources maintained that Israel could neutralize Syria's air defense system in 48 hours, the

report said.

"Israeli sources believe that parts of the (Syrian air force's) computerized system sometimes fail to function and then have to be operated manually," it said.

The publication said the Syrian air force had a cumbersome battle management structure and few spare parts and lacked some of the more advanced technological systems available.

"Syria has one of the most sophisticated Soviet-designed air defense systems outside of the former Eastern bloc countries. However, it is not up to the standards of the most advanced air defense and sensor systems developed by the Soviets," it said.

But among the Arab states of the region, Syria was pre-eminent in terms of strategic weaponry. Only Israel could claim to be more powerful in this

regard, the report said.

"To counter this, (Syrian) President (Hafez) Assad is thought to be investing heavily in a program to increase the country's stock of weapons of mass destruction," it said.

The report also said Syria was believed to have established Scud missile sites in underground bunkers which would be within easy range of IDF soldiers on the Golan Heights. (Reuter)

King Hussein visits Saudi Arabia to boost ties

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan's King Hussein will travel to Saudi Arabia today for talks with King Fahd intended to put relations back on track after a five-year rupture caused by the Gulf crisis.

The meeting will be their first since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 when relations sank to their lowest ebb because of Amman's refusal to join an anti-Iraq alliance.

Jordanian officials said yesterday that King Hussein, who twice before was unable to meet King Fahd, got guarantees that the Saudi monarch would receive him this time.

Jordan's ties with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states improved dramatically last August after Amman turned against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and gave refuge to two high-level Iraqi defectors seeking to overthrow him.

Jordanian officials said the Jordan-Saudi summit would focus on the stalled Middle East peace process, ways to improve economic cooperation and tighten traditionally strong security links to counter political violence following two bombings that targeted Americans in Saudi Arabia in the past year.

"Jordan wants to lay the foundations for a proper economic and security partnership with

Saudi Arabia and its allies in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)," an Arab diplomat said.

Jordan, he added, was ready to share more security information and would like the GCC to hire more Jordanian workers and open markets to Jordanian goods to help ease an economic and unemployment crisis.

Most GCC countries - grouping Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar - stopped hiring Jordanians after the Gulf crisis to punish Jordan for its stand. Over 350,000 Jordanians were forced to leave Kuwait.

A reconciliation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia would also be welcomed by Washington, which was angered by Jordan in 1990 but has been strongly backing it since King Hussein signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

King Fahd was not able to receive King Hussein on his first official visit to Saudi Arabia in five years last February because he was still recovering from a stroke he suffered last November.

Two years earlier, he snubbed him by refusing to see him while he performed a pilgrimage to Moslem holy sites in Saudi. His presence was ignored by the Saudi official news service.

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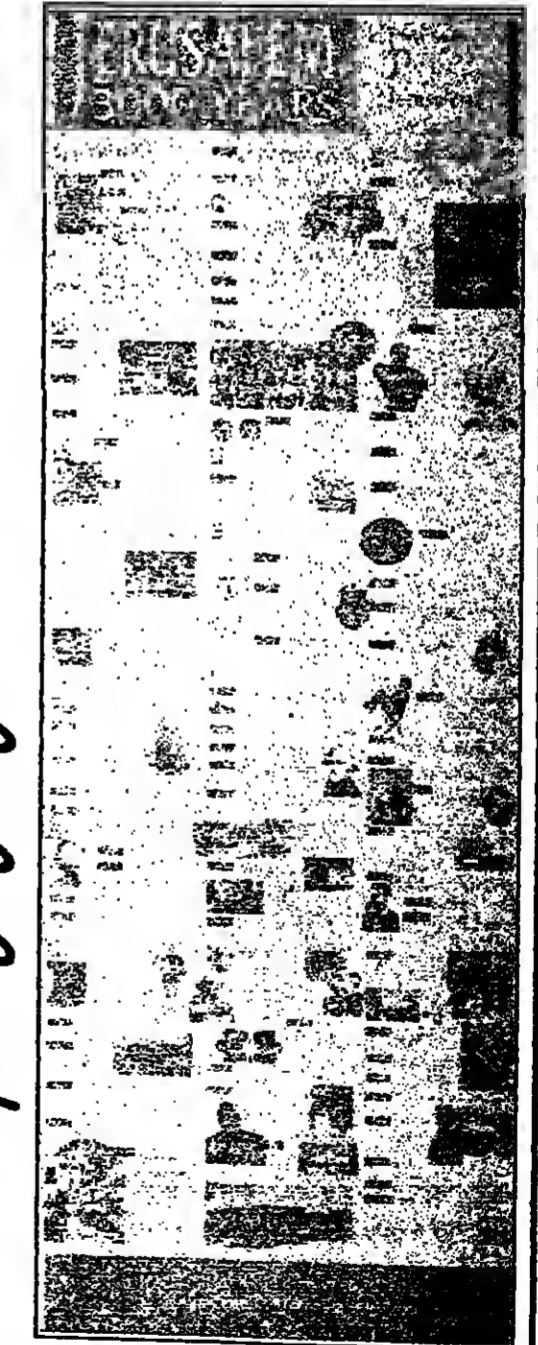
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Suha Arafat advises Sara Netanyahu to ignore criticism

IN a gesture of solidarity, the wife of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has come to the defense of Sara Netanyahu, wife of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, urging her not to let criticism get to her.

Suha Arafat said Sara Netanyahu should ignore the ruckus caused this summer when she tossed a nappy out into the street for burning a pot of soup. The nanny and other helpers have described Netanyahu as ill-tempered and verbally abusive.

"I also argue with my housekeeper sometimes... so what?" Arafat said in an interview published Friday in *Yedioth Aharonot*.

"This is the best advice I can give to Sara Netanyahu: demonstrate self-confidence exactly like Hillary Clinton."

Suha Arafat, who was only 29 when she married Arafat five years ago, said she used to burst in tears over stories published about her.

"Gradually, I got stronger. And then I made a decision: let them write what they want. I will shut my eyes tight and ignore what they say about me," she said.

Press reports several months ago said Suha Arafat was pregnant with her second child, but she told the paper the reports were untrue. Her daughter, Zahwa, was born in July 1995.

Arafat said she would be happy to meet with Sara Netanyahu, but that it was too soon to initiate such a meeting.

"First [Binyamin] Netanyahu must meet with [my husband]," she said. (A.P.)

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Unionists back off confrontation with nationalists in Londonderry

PRO-British marchers called off a controversial parade along the ancient ramparts of Londonderry yesterday, cooling down one potential flashpoint in a weekend of feared violence.

But hundreds of police lined the route as the main parade got under way as scheduled in the city centre with thousands of members of the Protestant Apprentice Boys association wearing traditional crimson-coloured collars and bowler hats marching to the sounds of flutes and drums.

But the Unionists said they would be back. "It is our firm intention to walk these city walls at a time of our own choosing," said Alistair Simpson, governor of the 15,000-member organization.

Asked when that would be, Simpson would only say: "It won't be today." The government had said the barricade would remain in place throughout August.

Police, backed up by British troops, were out in force yesterday as thousands of members of the Apprentice Boys and their supporters converged on the walled city going ahead.

Authorities hoped to prevent a repetition of the week of widespread street violence ignited by a dispute over a parade in Portadown last month.

Earlier, police permitted representatives of the group to raise a Union Jack - Britain's flag - on the restricted 450-meter sector of the wall. It was sealed off Wednesday after a group of Catholic residents complained about the marchers passing within sight of their homes.

Simpson's announcement got some applause from about 200 Apprentice Boys but others responded by shouting their old slogan, "No Surrender!" "It is a disgrace to the Apprentice Boys," said Nigel Savage, a member from Lurgan.

The Apprentice Boys, the city's main Protestant fraternal order, did not attempt to breach the barricades as they marched into the city for a wreath-laying at a war memorial, followed by a service at St. Columba's, the Anglican cathedral.

In south Belfast, three dozen marchers from the Walkers Apprentice Boys Club faced off with police for 10 minutes yesterday morning, then accepted that they were not going to be allowed through a Catholic area.

"We are loyal subjects. We stand for the Union Jack yet we are branded as dirt. The press only see the other side. It is scandalous," said Alice Williams, 73, who lives on the route of the Belfast parade.

That sentiment was widespread among Londonderry's Protestants.

"We feel besieged," said John South, one of about 200 Protestants who gathered Friday night around a traditional bonfire in the Fountain, central Londonderry's last Protestant neighborhood.

"We're second-class citizens now. We can't even walk our ancient walls," said South, who joined in cheering as the orange, white and green Irish flag was thrown onto the fire.

Earlier Friday, 3,000 Catholics marched peacefully to the nearby Guildhall, seat of local government, to protest Protestant plans to parade along the wall past the Catholic Bogside neighborhood.

Police briefly allowed several Apprentice Boys through the cordon of corrugated iron and barbed wire at midnight Friday so they could start their celebrations in traditional fashion by firing a small cannon mounted on the walls.

As it boomed out, several Protestant youths hurled bottles at police, but were quickly reprimanded by older colleagues.

Chernomyrdin reappointed Russian PM, Chechnya battles rage

News agencies
MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin scored a victory yesterday when the parliament's lower house granted a swift approval to his candidate for prime minister, voting overwhelmingly to keep Victor Chernomyrdin in the job.

"This victory was won with a convincing majority," said Anatoly Chubais, Yeltsin's chief of staff.

Despite fierce criticism of Chernomyrdin over the economy and battles raging in the Chechnya region for the fifth successive day, the State Duma endorsed him in a secret ballot with a hefty 314 votes to 85, with three abstentions.

Yeltsin nominated Chernomyrdin to head Russia's new government following his own re-election July 3. He formally submitted Chernomyrdin's candidacy to parliament after being sworn into office.

The president virtually dropped out of the public eye about six weeks ago and appeared tired during the Kremlin inauguration ceremony. Aides said he was planning a long vacation after the prime minister is approved.

The presidential press service said yesterday it had no new information on Yeltsin's vacation, and that the

president continued to work out of the state resort of Barvikha outside Moscow.

The approval of Chernomyrdin amounted to a decision by the communist-led opposition not to risk a confrontation with Yeltsin, who had nominated the 58-year-old premier and could have dissolved the chamber if it had rejected his candidacy three times.

The liberal *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspaper said yesterday the hard-liners simply could not vote against Chernomyrdin because "that would mean sawing at the legs of their own chair."

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your trust," Chernomyrdin told the Duma, looking exhausted but relieved after delivering a 45-minute policy speech, answering deputies' questions and sitting through their criticism.

He accepted some of the criticism and said he would bear it in mind. He also promised some adjustments in policy.

"The government cannot rest on its laurels now. Today we know how and what to do and the main thing is that we know what the main prob-

lems are," Chernomyrdin said.

Some communists voted for him, possibly for fear of losing their seats if Yeltsin dissolved the chamber and called an election, but also knowing Yeltsin could nominate a candidate even less to their liking if they rejected Chernomyrdin.

Zyuganov made clear his party would be ready to challenge Chernomyrdin if he failed to carry out his promises.

"One hundred days of the new government's work will show whether it can bring Russia out of crisis," Interfax news agency quoted him as saying.

Chernomyrdin, who first took office in December 1992, said he would name his cabinet within days and vowed to guide Russia into a new era of economic growth with better living standards.

He committed himself to "adequate measures" to end the conflict in Chechnya and promised to launch an investigation into a humiliating rebel Chechen offensive in which hundreds of Russian soldiers have been killed or wounded since Tuesday.

But he said the only way to peace

was through negotiations and added: "A completely military solution is a dead end."

Yeltsin declared yesterday a day of mourning for people killed in the fighting and flags flew at half mast in Moscow.

Battles raged on in the Chechen capital Grozny as the rebels put up fierce resistance to a new Russian army assault.

"The situation is difficult. However I will tell you that, today, now, as I stand before you on the podium...the initiative has passed to the federal forces," Defense Minister Igor Rodionov told the Duma after Chernomyrdin's reappointment.

But rebel spokesman Movladi Udugov said at 5.30 p.m. the guerrillas were still in command of the center.

Yeltsin responded to the rebel attack on Grozny by appointing security supremo Alexander Lebed his representative in Chechnya in place of First Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Lobov.

Yeltsin has vowed to put down the offensive but said talks were the only way to settle the 20-month-old conflict. The rebels want full independence but Yeltsin has ruled this out.

Motorbikers, cyclists rally for reunification of Cyprus

LIMASSOL (AP) - Two hundred foreign bikers arrived by boat yesterday to join hundreds of Greek Cypriot motorcyclists in a planned protest against the Turkish occupation of the northern part of the Mediterranean island.

Turkish authorities have warned that their security forces will open fire if any try to cross a UN buffer zone that splits the island into Greek and Turkish sectors.

President Glafcos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, appealed to the motorcyclists not to cross the buffer zone and cause bloodshed.

But George Hadjicosta, president of the Cyprus Motorcyclists Federation, repeatedly stressed the protest is meant to show how Turkey prevents Greek Cypriots from travelling freely to their homes in the north.

Cyprus has been unofficially partitioned since July 1974 when Turkey invaded and occupied the northern one-third of the island following a short-lived coup by supporters of union with Greece.

The Turkish-held sector was proclaimed a breakaway Turkish Cypriot state in 1983, but is recognized only by Ankara.

Some 200,000 Greek Cypriots fled to the south in 1974, while

some 70,000 Turkish Cypriots moved north. Thousands of Greek Cypriot and Turkish troops and police, as well as the 1,200-strong UN peacekeeping force, are on full alert along the 180-km Green Line.

Turkish troops have been planting mines and erecting barbed wire barricades at sensitive points to prevent any motorcyclists breaking through.

More than 2,000 Greek Cypriot bikers will join the 200 members of the European Federation of Motorcyclists and others who arrived from Greece after a journey that began in Berlin eight days ago.

Simon Millward, British President of the federation, said that starting the ride in Berlin "was symbolic, in the sense that Berlin which was a divided capital is now united, while the Cypriot capital, Nicosia, is now the only divided capital in the world."

As the bikers' ferry docked in the southern port of Limassol boats in the harbour sounded their sirens while thousands of wellwishers cheered on the dockside.

The foreign group consists of 14 European delegations, each of 10 bikers, 40 from Greece, with smaller numbers from the United States and Canada.

Jet engine inventor Sir Frank Whittle dies, 89

BALTIMORE, Md (Reuter) - Sir Frank Whittle, who invented the jet engine but had to fight for its recognition as a revolutionary aviation technology, has died at the age of 89, his wife said yesterday.

A spokeswoman for Britain's Royal Aeronautical Society said in London that Whittle had been ill for some time and that he died of lung cancer.

Whittle had lived near Baltimore in Columbia, Maryland, since 1976. He retired in 1979 from an adjunct professorship at the US Naval Academy, where he had been research professor in aerospace engineering.

Whittle, who came from a working class background, invented the jet engine in 1928 when he was a young Royal Air Force cadet.

Whittle's work put Britain at the forefront of aircraft technology during the 1940s and 50s.

Whittle once told biographer John Golley he developed the jet engine in a quest for a powerplant that would take airplanes faster and higher.

"I was thinking in terms of a speed of 800 kph in the stratosphere at heights where air density was less than one-quarter of its sea-level value," he said, according to a history of the jet engine by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

British government bureaucrats at first called his invention, which Whittle patented in 1930, over-optimistic and refused to develop it. In 1935 he decided not to renew his patent due to the lack of support. But the bureaucrats and the rest of the world were forced to recognise its value after Germany made the first jet flight in 1939. The plane used a turbojet engine developed separately from Whittle by German Hans von Ohain.

Germany's Messerschmitt Me 262, the first production jet fighter, first saw battle in 1944.

Britain's first jet flight came in 1941, but the jet engine did not go into production in Britain until 1947. "They were in a hurry once they got it going," said his widow, Lady Hazel.

Whittle was knighted in 1948 and received £100,000 (the \$400,000 reward for his contribution to flight. In the same year he retired from the RAF and began working for aircraft corporations.

He emigrated to the US in 1947 and began theoretical research into jet propulsion for the US Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Kashmir hostages spotted

NEW DELHI (AP) - Four Western hostages kidnapped by Kashmiri separatists more than one year ago were seen last week by villagers in the insurgency-wracked northern state, a news agency reported yesterday quoting the state's governor.

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Officials blamed as corpses pulled from Spanish mud

RESCUERS yesterday pulled more bodies out of the mud and debris left by flash floods that killed at least 81 vacationers at a campground near the French border.

While relatives arrived in the popular Pyrenees Mountain tourist region to identify bodies, the search continued for at least 20 other people missing from the roughly 650 campers caught in the flood's path.

Officials yesterday said 81 bodies have been recovered.

With the country still in shock over the disaster, attention shifted to the cause of the mudslide, triggered by heavy rains on Wednesday night.

"What happened?" was the question repeated by bewildered survivors and locals erring among flattened caravans and debris on the former site of the "Virgen de las Nieves" (Virgin of the Snows) campsite in the Pyrenees near the French border.

Meanwhile, environmental groups blamed the accident on government officials, saying they ignored warnings that the campsite lay at the bottom of a steep mountain ravine prone to flooding.

The Committee of Environmental Defence Groups (CODA), which groups most of Spain's ecological organizations, said the campsite's location in a drainage zone for mountain rainfall meant it was an accident waiting to happen.

"What happened is an event

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that, even though it is sporadic, is not therefore abnormal," CODA said in a report. "The danger was there and sooner or later what happened was bound to occur."

The Greco Party said local authorities were guilty of "criminal negligence" for issuing the campsite with a permit, although there was no suggestion the owner had broken any rules.

National radio reported that a local judge will begin investigating the causes of the flooding.

The Aragon regional government countered that the kind of torrential rainfall that set off the flood is impossible to predict, and denied planners could have foreseen the risk.

Addressing the media Friday evening, a teary-eyed Luis Bardaji, the owner of the campsite, said the campgrounds fulfilled all the legal requirements and that he was also a victim of the flood.

"Theoretically, it shouldn't happen again for a thousand years," the regional government said in a statement.

Deputy Prime Minister Francisco Alvarez Cascos and Environment Minister Isabel Tocino, who both inspected the damage first-hand on Friday, agreed that the mudslide could not have been prevented.

"It was totally unpredictable," said Tocino. "We are

not in the process of attributing blame but of establishing the facts and preventing a similar catastrophe from occurring."

Some 600 rescue workers focused their search on a reservoir 15 km down the River Gallego from the camp, and in muddy fields strewn with boulders, debris from fallen trees and the remains of cars and campers twisted and tossed during Wednesday's storm.

"I don't think any of us, even those who didn't suffer a loss, will forget this horror anytime soon," said Angel Molina, who held his wife and child as their camper was dragged some 60 meters by the floodwaters.

The flood appears to have been caused by a larger than usual rainfall that amassed into a giant wall of water behind a concrete walking bridge and a line of mountain trees above the campsite.

Eventually, the mass of water split the bridge into pieces unleashing two massive flash floods - as high as four meters - into the Las Nieves campground.

Many of the bodies remain in a skating rink in the skiing resort town of Jaca, 30 km west of the campsite.

Officials feared that rains, expected last night, could hamper efforts to locate other bodies.

The campsite was built within the last 10 years at an altitude of 850 meters in mountains that form the border between France and Spain.



A Spanish Civil Guard diver enters the water in an attempt to find more victims of the flood in which at least 80 holidaymakers are believed to have died. A torrent of mud and rocks swept through a campsite in the Spanish Pyrenees city of Biescas on August 7. (Reuters)

15 die of food poisoning in Bombay

BOMBAY (Reuters) - Nine more people died of food poisoning in India's commercial capital Bombay yesterday, taking the toll to 15 in a mysterious outbreak baffling doctors.

Authorities said 49 others were in critical condition. A total of more than 110 were made ill by contaminated food eaten at a canteen in a nearby textile town last Tuesday.

Health officials are still unable to identify the cause of the outbreak despite dozens of chemical and biological tests and said they might call in a team from the premier epidemiological institute, the Centres for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

"Despite all the tests and toxicological investigations, everything is clouded and we still remain baffled," said Debasis Bhattacharya, a surgery professor at a city hospital.

"We are thinking of calling in a CDC team, with the help of the WHO (World Health Organisation)," he said.

Experts have tested for 37 different types of substance, authorities said, but all had turned up negative. Autopsies and tests of patients' body

fluids failed to show anything.

Officials suspect the culprit may be botulism, though most patients have shown only a few symptoms of this disease.

Botulism is caused by improperly canned or preserved food contaminated with a toxin produced by the bacteria Clostridium botulinum, experts said.

Emergency supplies of polyvalent botulin anti-toxin were being flown in from Poland, since none are available in India, officials said. They are expected to arrive today.

"But even that is not a magic cure," said Bhattacharya. "We have to be very careful administering an anti-toxin to a patient who doesn't show the symptoms of botulism, just because botulism is only faintly suspected."

The victims, all men, complained of giddiness, vomiting, abdominal pains and body ache within hours of eating the food at a canteen in the textile town of Bbiwandi, 125 km from Bombay.

The proprietor of the canteen which served the food has himself fallen ill with the disease, as have two of his staff.

Italy opens new Nazi probe

ITALY has opened a fresh war crimes probe into two former SS officers suspected of overseeing the deportation of more than 6,000 people to Nazi death camps during World War II.

The new attorney for former SS captain Erich Priebke yesterday lodged a formal complaint against Italy's justice minister, contending there were no grounds to renege his client after a military tribunal ordered him freed at the end of a war crimes trial.

"Judging by the documents in our possession there exists no proof that at 2:15 a.m. on Aug. 2 there had been an request for a temporary arrest warrant by anybody for Priebke," Carlo Taormina, one of Italy's top attorneys, told reporters after presenting the complaint to judicial authorities.

Defense Minister Beniamino Andreatta said military prosecutors in the northern towns of La Spezia and Verona had launched the investigation into former SS lieutenant Karl Titho and his assistant Hans Haage, who now both live in Germany.

"Prosecutors have placed Karl Titho and Hans Haage under investigation for violence and homicide against civilians and repeated violence against prisoners of war," Andreatta

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said in a statement.

The probe comes hard on the heels of the Priebke trial which ended last week in controversy after a military court ruled he could not be punished for taking part in a massacre of 335 people.

Hours after the decision he was re-arrested and returned to prison while Germany tries to have him extradited.

Prosecutors say Titho, 85, and Haage, 90, ran a camp at Fossoli di Carpi, near Modena in northern Italy, which shipped thousands of Italian Jews, Roman Catholics and foreigners to their deaths at Auschwitz in southern Poland.

They also allege the two executed 67 prisoners outside the Fossoli camp in the town of Cibenno on July 12, 1944.

Prosecutors believe Titho and Haage rounded up 70 men - Italian officers, partisans and US secret service agents - and shot them dead in groups of 25 as a reprisal for the killing of seven Nazis by partisans in Genoa. Three prisoners managed to escape death.

Andreatta said international police agency Interpol had found that Titho, was living in the German town of Bad Meinberg Horn while former warrant officer Haage, was living in a small town in Bavaria.

Neither man was ever tried for the massacre after an Italian investigation was "temporarily shelved" in 1960.

But the case was reopened in 1994 when the existence of hundreds of files documenting Nazi crimes were brought to light in Italy after Priebke was found living openly in Argentina.

They were subsequently sent to military prosecutors across Italy for examination, with the files on the Fossoli camp and the execution at Cibenno landing on the desks of prosecutors in La Spezia and Verona.

"Now, 50 years after these tragic events, the dossiers have been opened and light can be shed on these atrocities," said leftist senator Luciano Guerzoni.

Priebke is being held in a Rome jail while former SS major Karl Hass, who also took part in the 1944 Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 Italians, is under house arrest in Italy. Germany has said it wants to extradite both men for war crimes trials there.

Mongolia isolates two cities from cholera

ULAN BATOR (Reuters) - Mongolia isolated two major northern cities yesterday and threw a security net around the capital, Ulan Bator, after an outbreak of cholera that has killed six people and infected 39.

"There is no guarantee of keeping cholera out of the capital," one health official said. "Many people have come here before the cholera-affected areas were isolated."

In Khoctol county in northern Selenge province that borders

Russia and where the outbreak started, four people had died and 31 were reported sick, two of them in critical condition, officials said.

"We have established a field hospital with 200 beds in Khoctol county today," said county chief Bat-Erdene.

"Civil defense troops and police are now guarding the county borders," he said.

Health officials said the cholera had probably been spread by contaminated food and officials

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warned the public not to drink unboiled water.

To try to isolate the disease, all rail connections had been cut between the capital, Ulan Bator, and Darkhan, Mongolia's second city and capital of Selenge province, as well as with Erdenet, capital of a neighbouring northern province. Mongolian Television said in an evening broadcast.

Police in Ulan Bator had been placed on alert to be ready to limit travel in and out of the city at any time.

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bought by the Duchess of York's sister.

Fergie has never been able to live down the worldwide publication in 1992 of pictures showing Bryan sucking her toes at a French villa shortly after her separation from Andrew, Queen Elizabeth's second son.

The couple divorced earlier this year but remain good friends. They jointly threw a party Friday to mark the 10th anniversary of their own marriage, even though it ended four months ago.

But Andrew spent the early hours of the party night gazing

was back. They just kept looking at each other," it quoted one party-goer as saying.

The prince first met Stark in 1981 when she was said to have captured his heart, but any romance was brief as she wed another man, Tim Jefferies, three years later.

The marriage did not last, and Stark abandoned plans for a second marriage, to public relations executive Bertie Way last year, the Mirror said.

Of the queen's four children, two royal heirs Prince Charles, is in the process of dissolving a marriage to Princess Diana. But only one, Princess Anne, has remarried.

S. African chauffeur invented kidnapping of tourists

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - A chauffeur who sparked a massive hunt for three foreign tourists he claimed had been abducted confessed yesterday he was lying, ending a two-day drama that South Africans fear tarnished their image abroad.

An angry police spokesman said driver Peter Manyekane had admitted that the well-spoken British businessmen, kidnapped by armed gangsters who stole his taxi in crime-ridden Johannesburg, were figments of his imagination.

"He made up the story," Captain Jan Combrinck told a news conference. "This complainant had us on a witch-hunt."

The driver, apparently moonlighting by using his boss's luxury-tour minibus as an ordinary taxi, was indeed hijacked in the rough black township of Alexandra and, fearing the repercussions, spun a story he thought might save him.

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genous place outside a warzone.

"The hijacking of three foreigners is a shattering confirmation of the lawlessness that grips this country," the Citizen newspaper said yesterday.

"This case sent out a very negative image of the whole of South Africa internationally," Combrinck said.

South Africa, relying on foreign investment and tourism to bolster a fragile economy, is sensitive to its overseas image.

Luckily for its battered rand currency, the fiasco happened over a long weekend and financial markets, which had earlier reacted to a gory vigilante execution of an alleged Cape Town drug gang leader as a sign of instability, were closed.

Manyekane, 42, had coolly related to TV crews his story of how five men brandishing pistols had dragged him from his cab and sped off into the night with the terrified visitors.

"I feared for my life," he said. Police said they were investigating his possible collusion in the hijacking but had no indications of an "inside job".

Three suspected hijackers were detained for questioning yesterday and passengers - local people who had been in the van when it was hijacked - were giving statements to police.

Combrinck said he was disturbed that, even though the tourists did not exist, a dozen pranksters had phoned police with tip-offs about three white men being held hostage.

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Unacceptable kippa-counting

HAD not Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman already resigned, the calls for him to do so certainly would be mounting after his ill-advised remarks on the Yoman news magazine Friday night. Ne'eman said there is a barrier blocking the employment of religious people in the Justice Ministry...

Victory for stability

RUSSIA'S parliament again opted for stability yesterday when its lower house, by 314 to 85 votes, overwhelmingly approved keeping Victor Chernomyrdin in his job as prime minister. The appointment set the final seal on President Boris Yeltsin's recent reelection and was another victory for pragmatists and moderates in the troubled country.

The ultimate life

STEWART WEISS

A good friend of mine currently visiting from the US made the most astounding statement. As we discussed the ins and outs of life in Israel, I tried - good-naturedly, of course - to tweak his conscience a little.

'I don't live in the Galut,' my friend explained. 'I live in the United States'

factly, "It hardly poses a problem for those of us in the observant community." As I listened to my friend going on and on about the glories of the Diaspora, I realized that his wasn't a lone voice in the wilderness.

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The writer is director of Midreshet Torah V'Emanah girls seminary in Jerusalem and of the Jewish Outreach Center in Raanana.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This is the little girl who could not smile. Chelsey Thomas was born without the nerves and muscles that would allow her to animate her face, an uncommon condition called Moebius Syndrome.

POSTSCRIPT

A NORWEGIAN took his driving test while drunk and then had his license taken for drunk driving. "It must be the shirtest time anyone has ever held a driver's license," driving examiner Tor Steinar Wikan said.

I've learned a lot about Israeli noise laws - there are a lot fewer of them than I thought. The notion that it's illegal to make too much noise during Friday siesta time and over Shabbat is a myth.

The main reason Israel is so noisy is because so many Israelis act and sound like wild animals

course, is the main reason Israel is so noisy - because so many Israelis act and sound like wild animals. Why bother to climb stairs and knock on somebody's door when you can roar up to him from the sidewalk?

But beyond this, there's the way the country is built, at least the cities. There's no space between anything. The buildings are smack against each other. The walls are thin. So are the sidewalks.

The writer is a freelance journalist living in Tel Aviv.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMERICAN JUSTICE: Sir, - Your editorial of July 29, "American injustice," rests on an unstated premise or assumption about the Jewish community in the following words: "President Bill Clinton's decision on Friday to reject Jonathan Pollard's appeal for clemency was a poorly-timed and ill-advised act which raises serious questions not only about the American system of justice, but also about the American president and his relationship with the Jewish community."

NESTLE'S RECORD: Sir - There have been reports in The Jerusalem Post of the introduction of Nestle into the Israeli market and of a merger with Tnuva and a major share takeover in Osem. We would like to remind Israeli consumers that infant welfare activists in Europe are boycotting Nestle's products because they refuse to comply with the World Health Organization code on the marketing of artificial baby foods.

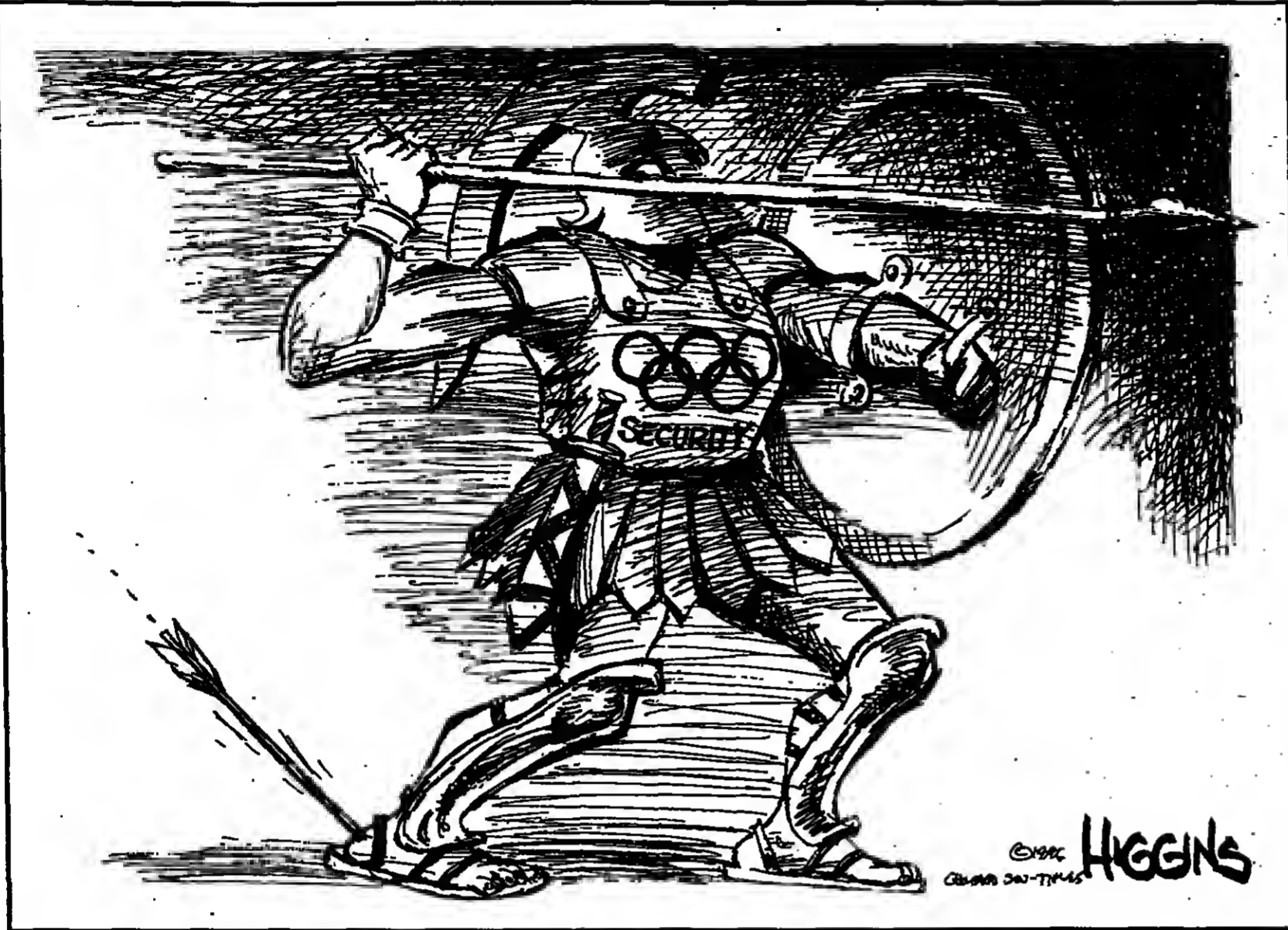
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Burundi, bloody Burundi

Empty promises do more harm than good

BY DAVID RIEFF

At first the international response to the July 25 coup in which a Tutsi military leader, Major Pierre Buyoya, ousted the Hutu president of Burundi, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, was tough talk. From the most compromised quarters came the most uncompromising responses. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's spokeswoman declared that "the international community will on no account accept a change of government [in Burundi] by force or other illegitimate means." And Kofi Annan, the U.N. Undersecretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, not only spoke of the need for a humanitarian intervention in Burundi, but also reportedly called for one that could "bear up on people if necessary" in order to try to stop the killing.

Those familiar with the way the U.N. actually works could legitimately infer that this time the great powers had given the U.N. Secretariat the go-ahead to act. In earlier weeks, as it had become clear that the Tutsi-dominated Burundian army was not going to agree to power sharing with the Hutu majority, admonitions and threats from Washington, as well as missions to Bujumbura on behalf of the U.S. government and the European Union, began to multiply. Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., had warned that "under no circumstances would we tolerate a government installed by force or intimidation."

Such categorical assertions of what the international community would and would not tolerate should have set off alarm bells amongst anyone who has followed the way it has actually dealt with such recent crises as Somalia, Bosnia and Liberia. But in the context of the Great Lakes region of Africa in particular, all these fine sentiments and stern declarations are framed by one overriding fact: In April and May of 1994, those countries and institutions today issuing the declarations sat on their collective hands while nearly a million Rwandan Tutsis and moderate Hutus were murdered.

If this were not reason enough to treat this new headline stand on Burundi with skepticism, there was also little cause beyond the wishful thinking that is endemic to so many diplomatic initiatives undertaken for "humanitarian" reasons to believe that these threats were backed up by more than the hope that the Tutsi leaders would be awed by them. In the same speech in which she asserted that a coup in Burundi would not be

tolerated, Ambassador Albright admitted that the United States had ruled out sending American forces there as part of a peacekeeping force. And Kofi Annan conceded, even as he warned the leadership in Bujumbura that the U.N. might send a peacekeeping force over its objections, that few countries had yet agreed to commit troops.

The reality is that it is unclear, given the U.N.'s current desperate financial circumstances (which are due in large measure to the continued U.S. refusal to pay its assessments), whether it has the money for such an operation. The Secretariat is only solvent because it is borrowing from the (separate) peacekeeping budget to fund its own operating expenses. And the predictable consequence of the resulting shortfall at the Department of Peacekeeping Operations is that troop-contributing nations will not be reimbursed, and are, therefore, less willing to send troops on expensive and open-ended peacekeeping missions like the one being planned for Burundi.

But the more fundamental question is one that U.N. officials seem assiduously unwilling to contemplate: What will such a force do if its deployment fails to produce the desired result in a fairly short period of time? A year after they acquiesced, without putting up even a token fight, to the fall of the U.N. safe area Srebrenica in Bosnia, and the massacre of its male inhabitants, U.N. officials are actually talking about establishing "safe areas" in Burundi.

U.N. officials have little to say about what they will do if things go wrong. "It's the same old story," a U.S. Pentagon official told me recently. "There is absolutely no plan about what to do if things go wrong except run away."

In any case, now that the international community's warnings have been ignored and the coup has actually taken place, the predictable rhetorical climb-down has already begun. A senior Belgian diplomat, Eric Derycke, spoke for many when, three days after the coup, he opined that "Buyoya is the least bad option" in Burundi. Buyoya, Western diplomats now suggest, may in fact be a democratic figure in the Burundian context. The evidence for this is that although this is his second coup, he followed his first by handing over power after six years to Burundi's first democratically elected (and first Hutu) president, Melchior Ndadaye. But these facts can be parsed in several ways. Ndadaye was murdered by Tutsi militants 100 days later; that is, by Buyoya's brother officers, the same men who have now selected him to serve as president once again.

It is possible, of course, that Burundi may turn out to be one rare example of the world, ac-

ting decisively not out of interest but out of moral concern. Were, for example, Nelson Mandela's government to agree to a major force commitment, other nations in Africa might well follow, and the U.S. and the Western Europeans might then agree to underwrite the operation's costs.

And a massive, long-term intervention, followed by a prolonged international presence, both civilian and military, accompanied by serious diplomatic initiatives and sweetened with development aid, might well transform the situation in Burundi. But such an intervention would effectively turn Burundi into a U.N. protectorate or trusteeship. And there is simply no reason to believe, all the bellicose rhetoric of recent weeks notwithstanding, that the will exists, either in Africa or in the rest of the world, to do anything even remotely similar.

Instead, the world is responding, and will continue to respond, with half measures, pious sentiments: words, not deeds. In the name of sympathy with the Burundian people, U.N. officials and representatives of the great powers have chosen to lie to them. There is no question of a force being deployed that will really make a difference, because, at the present time, and for the foreseeable future, the political will does not exist in America or in Western Europe to act in accordance with the most generous moral and emotional aspirations.

But if the West, or, for that matter, the African countries or the U.N., are not going to act, or are incapable of doing so effectively, then surely it would be kinder not to pretend that help is on the way. Not only kinder, but more moral. Because to delude people about what help they can expect, as the citizens of Sarajevo learned to their cost — and from many of the same diplomats and politicians now pontificating about Burundi — can sometimes prove as great a danger to their survival as any threat they face from those they know to be their enemies. People who expect the cavalry to come rescue them tend to wait for its arrival. But in Burundi, as in so many other places where the fantasy of rescue persists, the cavalry is probably not coming, and certainly not staying. And it is high time the United States and the other important foreign actors in this story admitted as much.

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An Olympic-sized victory for terrorism

BY ROBERT NOVAK

ATLANTA - When the couple seated next to me took a brief break from watching Olympic boxing matches, they left behind a small black tote bag. That worried another woman in the row, who notified authorities. Soon, a policeman arrived to inspect the mysterious article.

It was no mystery. The bag contained only two bottles of water. It and everything else 9,000 spectators carried into Alexander Coliseum had passed metal detectors and a hand search by U.S. Army personnel. It would have taken Harry Houdini to put a bomb in that bag.

The woman who summoned the police was just plain frightened, and that confirms the victory of terror. The most intrusive security precautions ever imposed on an athletic event did not still her fears in the wake of the Centennial Park bombing. Indeed, that tight security is the triumph of terrorists, whether state-sponsored, domestic or lunatic free-lance.

When my son and I spent a few days at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics (as we did in Atlanta recently), there were no metal detectors. It was hard then to imagine an America where security checks would be needed to enter athletic events.

One terrorist outrage after another, however disconnected, tightens the web. Security barriers at the U.S. Capitol were followed by the panic closing of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. Well before the cause of the destruction of TWA Flight-800 could be determined, time-consuming inspection of checked luggage was instituted.

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Senate Terrorism Subcommittee, told me in a CNN interview after the Centennial Park bombing that the same security regime imposed on Olympic venues should have been duplicated at the public park.

That had been done when I visited the park on its first reopened day, three days after the bombing, with officers of the U.S. Border Patrol imported to search everybody. Yet, had this been done earlier, it would not have been effective if the bomb turns out to have been planted by a security officer.

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All of this great city cannot be protected. As I traveled on a sardine-style Atlanta subway car, I pondered how easy it would be to wreak absolute havoc on a public transportation system. So, how much protection really has been provided by the abridgment of personal freedom at the Centennial Olympics?

Much has been made of the good spirit at the games. I noticed a minimum of grumbling, waiting for the better part of an hour while U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agents searched everything carried by 80,000 people attending the track and field competition at Olympic Stadium. But there is a darker side to such forbearance.

Visitors here had to withstand not only zealous security but also a panoply of regulations imposed by an unreasoning government — such as requiring that buses deposit passengers only at designated stops.

About 15 seconds after a chartered bus left our hotel for an Olympic event, a woman noticed that she had forgotten her ticket. Rules kept the bus from letting her out at the corner. It had to circle around the block to get back to the hotel, a 30-minute inconvenience for us all. Why? Because "they" — the authorities — said so.

At the Georgia Dome to watch the U.S. Dream Team play basketball, I was asked for I.D. when I sought to buy a beer. "I'm 65 years old," I said, astounded at being carded for the first time since the 1950s.

"They say no exceptions," insisted the unsmiling woman behind the counter. The other customers seemed peeved that I should object.

On my first reporting trip to Communist-controlled Eastern Europe in 1967, I was stunned by the people's docility. When I saw airline passengers in Budapest submitting to officials' arrogant behavior when a boarding pass was lost (actually, the authorities had miscounted and did not apologize for it), my thought was, "These are people who have resigned themselves to a police state."

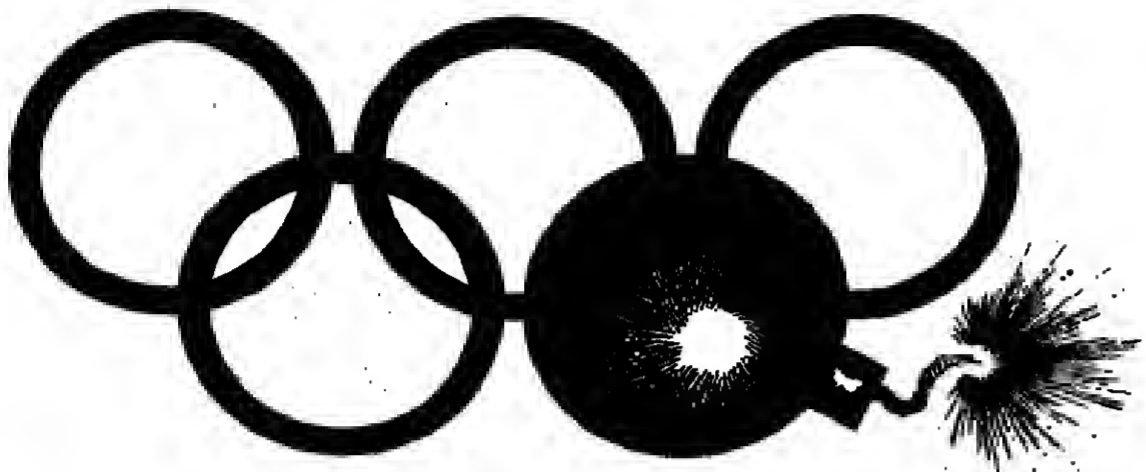
Government reflexively reacts to problems by demanding new powers over the people, as both U.S. President Bill Clinton and U.S. Republican leaders have done again. The people apparently acquiesce, and that is the triumph of terrorism.

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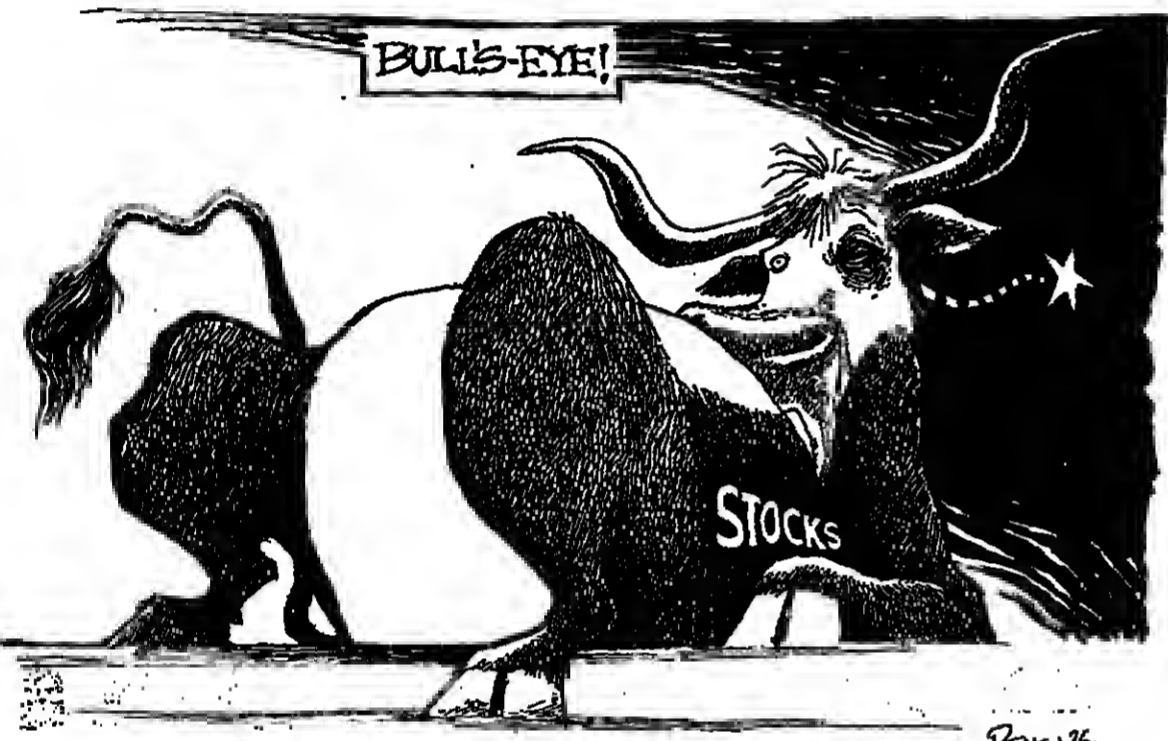
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Murder by the book: Should publishers be liable?

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

In a case that has publishers in a panic, the families of three murder victims are suing the U.S. publisher of a book titled "Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Independent Contractors." According to the plaintiffs, the man who killed their loved ones in a triple murder for hire had followed 27 explicit recommendations contained in the how-to-do-it book.

The trigger man, James Perry, was hired by Lawrence Horn to kill Horn's former wife, their 8-year-old paraplegic son and his nurse, so that Horn could inherit the \$1.7 million his former wife had won in a malpractice suit over the child's condition. He shot the two women and unplugged the boy's respirator. Perry prepared for his gruesome contract-killing by studying the "Hit Man" book and following its suggestions. Perhaps he, too, has a lawsuit against the publisher for malpractice, since he was caught, convicted and sentenced to death. Horn was sentenced to life imprisonment. Since neither has much money, the victims' families are suing the book publisher.

The publisher, Paladin Press of Boulder, Colo., seems to specialize in mail-order mayhem. Its catalog includes such elevating literary titles as *The Ancient Art of Strangulation*, *How to Dispose of a Dead Body* and *21 Techniques of Silent Killing*. Although it is difficult to argue that these murder manuals contribute to the marketplace of ideas, the mainstream media is appropriately worried. If U.S. courts were to rule broadly that any book which encourages a criminal to commit a crime could create liability for its publisher, legitimate publishers would have much to be concerned about. From the Bible's admonition to kill stubborn children, gay men and witches, to Shakespeare's call to "kill all the lawyers," to Nabokov's glorification of statutory rape, some of our greatest literature could fall within such a ruling. The man who murdered John Lennon said he was stimulated to do so by reading *Catcher in the Rye*, and every third serial killer seems to have found inspiration in the Bible or the Koran. Even if U.S. courts were to

limit the ruling to how-to-do-it books, there would be many large publishing houses that would have to vet their catalogs to be certain that none of their books contained instructions for crime.

In recent years alone, widely published books such as *The Turner Diaries* and *Final Exit* could be vulnerable to lawsuits by relatives of victims. The author of *The Turner Diaries* — a fictional account of a race war against blacks and Jews — acknowledges that the terrorists who blew up the U.S. Federal building in Oklahoma City may have learned how to do it from passages in his novel. And several people committed suicide — still a crime in many states in the U.S. — after learning how to do so from reading *Final Exit*. Moreover, the Internet is a virtual how-to-do-anything manual, and the implications of any ruling in favor of the plaintiffs could have a devastating impact on the information superhighway.

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There is also the issue of personal responsibility for crime. A ruling against the book publisher — irresponsible as he is — could send the wrong message about who is ultimately responsible for murderous acts. Nobody is obliged to follow the suggestions in a book that teaches how to murder. In this case, there were 13,000 copies of the *Hit Man* manual sold since 1983. Perry was apparently the only person who committed murder after reading it. He almost certainly would have committed these murders even if the book had never been published. The book did not "make him do," although it did, perhaps, help him on some techni-

cal issues.

In this regard, the claim that the book publisher "aided and abetted" the trigger man is not farfetched. It is as if the killer had consulted an expert in firearms and asked him for advice on the best way to shoot two people. If the expert knew that the person requesting the advice was planning to murder innocent victims — as distinguished, for example, from writing a novel or a screenplay which required authenticity — the expert could be held liable for giving his advice. But that case is different in precisely the way books are always different from personal, one-to-one conversation. Books convey information wholesale to large numbers of unknown readers, while personal conversation is retail and is tailored to the specific needs of a known individual. That is why it would be so much harder to succeed in a malpractice suit against the author of a medical or legal text than against a doctor or lawyer who gave the same advice to an individual.

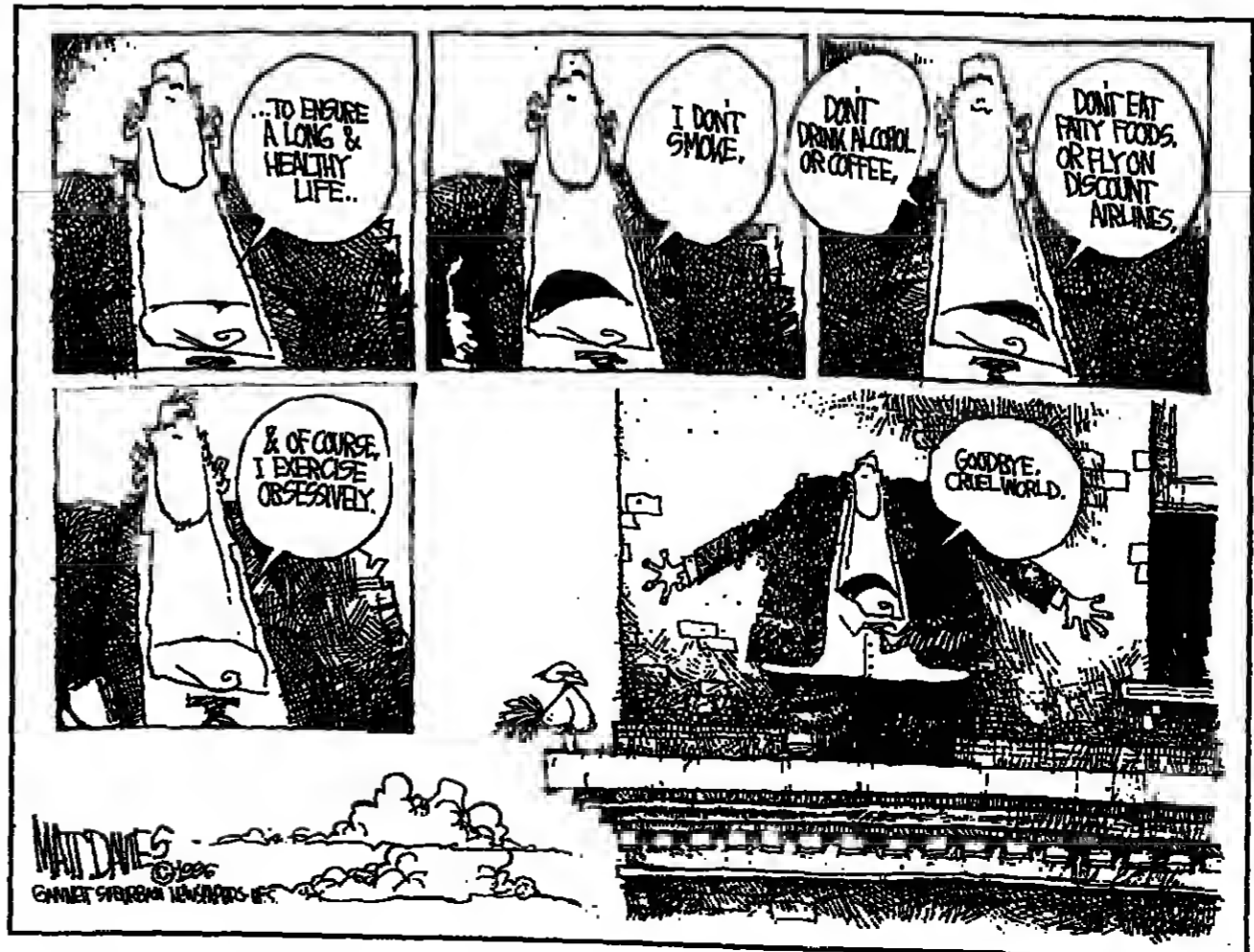
This is a close case. On balance, a ruling in favor of the victims' families — sympathetic as their case is — would set us afloat on uncharted waters at a time when new technologies are already posing significant challenges to our traditional notions of freedom of speech in the United States.

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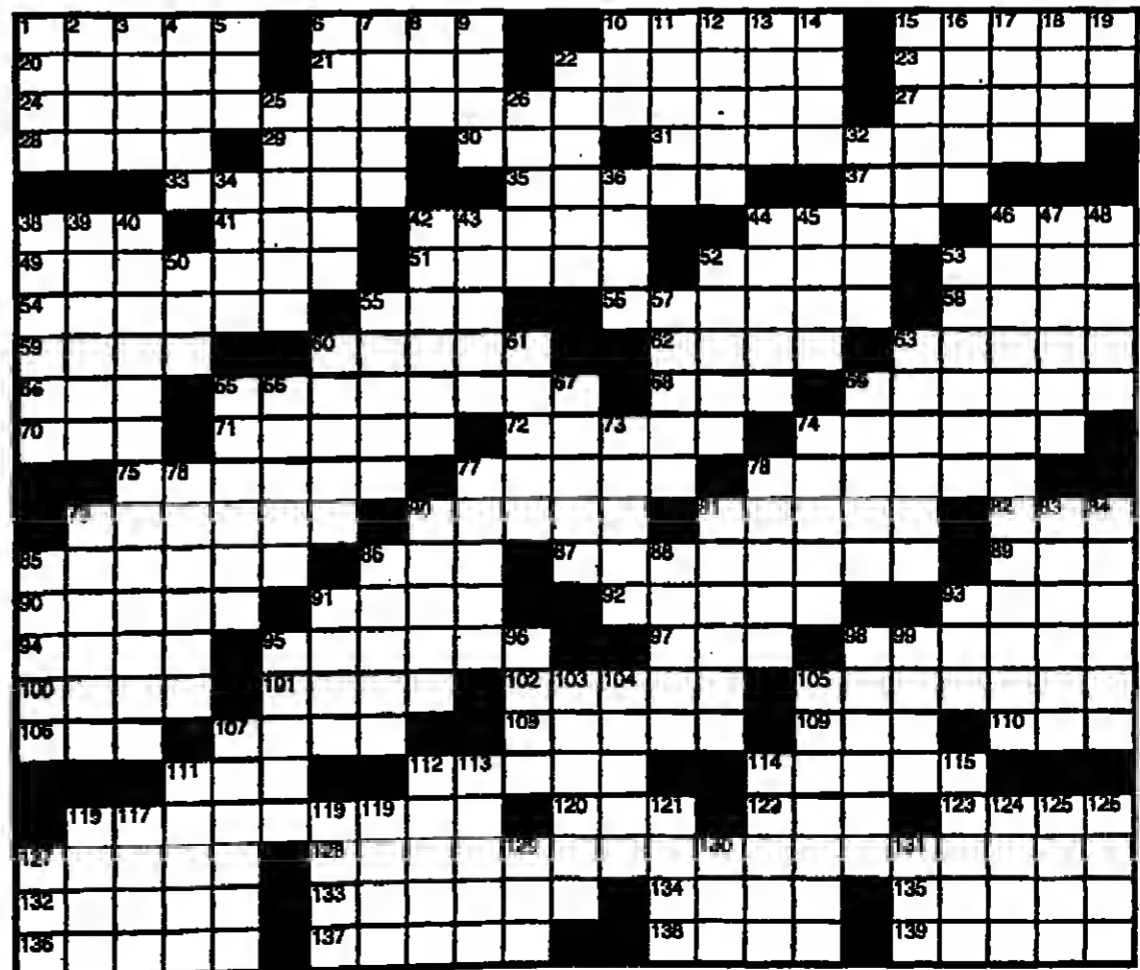
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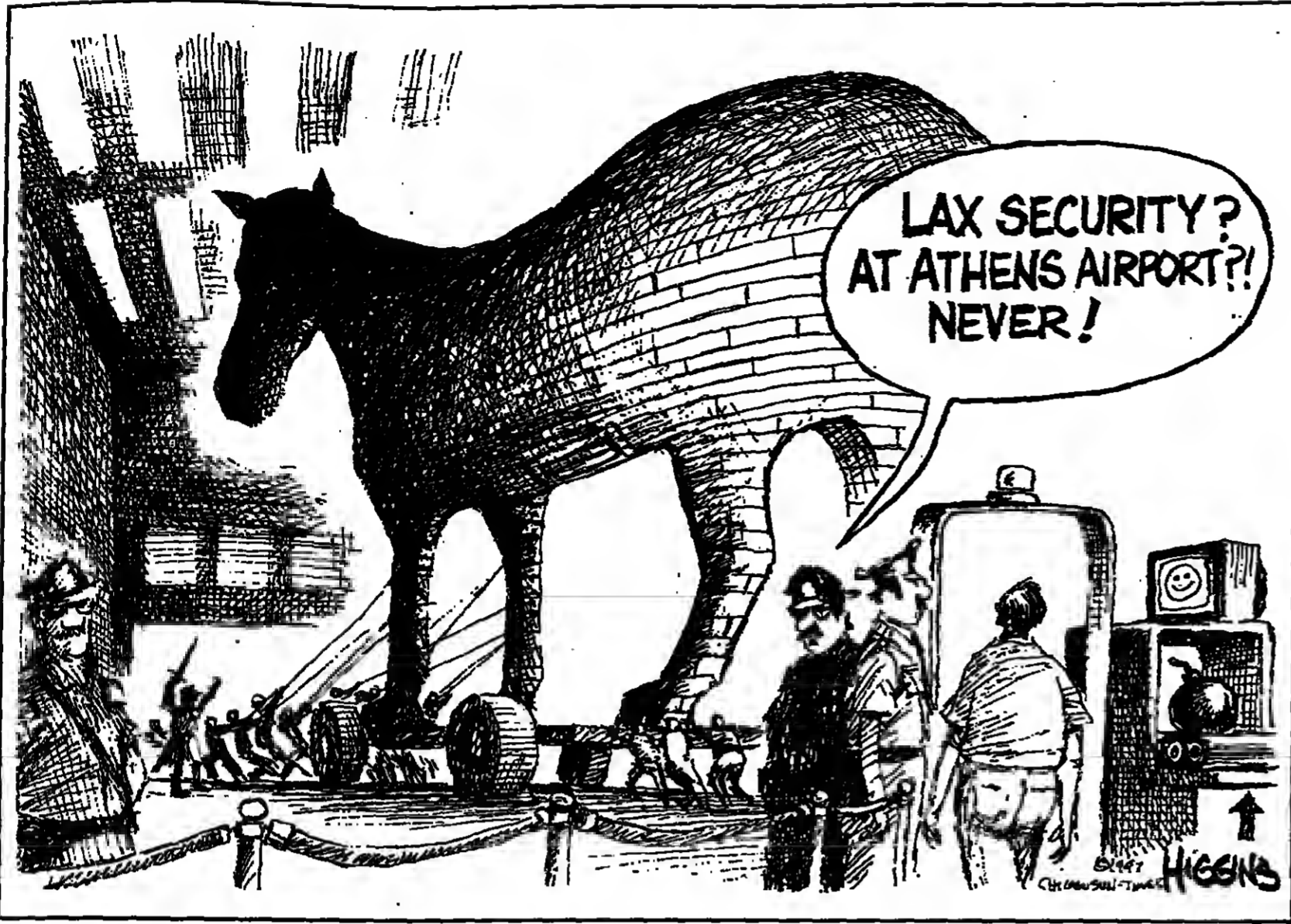
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'Working Girl': Molinari's winning script for the Republican National Convention

BY JIM SLEEPER

The Staten Island Advance, daily diary of New York City's "forgotten" white-ethnic borough, called Borough President Guy Molinari at home on July 15 with the news that his daughter would keynote the U.S. Republican National Convention. "What? Really? And here I thought I was going to be staying home from the convention to baby-sit," he said, with his characteristic familial/political spin. If U.S. Rep. Susan Molinari doesn't take her 3-month-old daughter with her to the convention podium on Aug. 11, it will be just about the only public space the newest Molinari hasn't appeared. When cameras converged on Mom's office after her keynoting role was announced, baby Susan Ruby was right there, over her heart.

Mixing family loyalty and political teamwork is the Molinari way, and if they conflict, politics gets the edge. This time, the family's women are starring (even though Molinari's husband, U.S. Rep. Bill Paxon, is one of House Speaker Newt Gingrich's top operatives), and her working-mom script has cowed even Beltway feminists into glossing over her votes to cut welfare and education. "I often work 'til 11 at night and need my bug-and-kiss quotient," she giggled last month on CNBC's "Equal Time" as Mary Matalin and Margaret Carlson teased her about how often she Takes Her Daughter to Work.

"What about when you go to vote?" asked the liberal Carlson, doing her best to sound intrepid.

"We have someone who comes in with her every day," said Molinari, turning to the camera and assuring the nation, with mock sing-song propriety. "We don't ask our paid congressional staff to do that kind of thing. I want to make that clear." After the mommy-talk, she rattles on with impunity about "liberal media bias," "completing the Republican revolution" and U.S. President Bill Clinton's broken campaign promises.

Money couldn't buy Republicans such a winning combination of cuteness and toughness. But then it wasn't needed. Molinari's grandfather was a New York assemblyman in the 1940s. Guy, who succeeded him, roomed with U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato's brother Armand in Albany, N.Y., before going to the U.S. Congress, and in 1981 got Susan, 23, a job with the Republican Governors Association. After five years in New York's City Council, Susan succeeded her father in Congress in 1990, representing Staten Island and a few white-ethnic enclaves in Brooklyn. In 1992, she divorced her first husband, a local boy whose

business troubles had given her opponents campaign ammunition.

Again, politics got the edge: In 1994, she married into the U.S. House of Representatives leadership (Paxon heads the National Republican Congressional Committee), sharing what she called "our second honeymoon" while campaigning with him for 84 House candidates in 36 states. Gingrich then made her vice-chair of the House Republican Conference, the leadership's youngest woman ever, an honor not lost on the GOP's oldest-ever presidential nominee. Molinari's ability to mix family and political teamwork began a decade ago, when the pro-choice daughter and her pro-life Dad "agreed to disagree." And so it is now with her and Bob Dole, whom she says she'll praise as "a wonderful man" in San Diego.

Molinari's ethnic charm and feminine ambition recall Tess, Melanie Griffith's character in the 1988 film "Working Girl." A secretary, Tess rides the Staten Island Ferry to a Manhattan brokerage house where she works for yuppies from hell. Bathed in affection by her girlfriend-commuters, who also smother her aspirations — "What choo want wit a speech class?" one asks her. "Yoo tawk foyne!" — Tess endures horny arbitrageurs and a jet-setting boss who steals her bright investment idea. Tess outsmarts them all and makes off with hotshot competitor Harrison Ford. Score one for Staten Island, where revenge is a big deal. (In 1993, with Molinari's support, it voted to secede from New York City, in a non-binding resolution.)

But, while Molinari seems like Tess, she takes the shurde from LaGuardia to Washington, not the boat to Manhattan, notes former Clinton speechwriter David Kusnet, who lived on Staten Island, wrote for The Advance, and brought the "Working Girl" analogy to my attention. And, while Tess soared only by breaking Staten Island's cocoon and struggling alone, Molinari is buoyed by the family loyalty of both clan and constituents, as well as by her new teamwork with national Republican leaders.

Her heavily Italian- and Irish-American district, New York's 13th, includes lots of Archie and Edith Bunkers, refugees from "changing" neighborhoods in Brooklyn and the Bronx who have made enough money to drop their old lunch-pail liberalism. Yet Staten Island is home to more civil servants — including more city police officers and firefighters — than any other county in the United States. This heavily unionized yet socially parochial electorate makes for a local Republican politics riddled with contradictions.

On the one hand, Staten Islanders are conservative in the peculiarly prickly manner of New Yorkers who live near both decadent

Manhattan and the ravaged inner-city neighborhoods they once called home. They aren't about to have their schools and other services drained by redistribution into the maw their parents fled. On the other hand, the city workers, among them, want high public wages and benefits. And, racially dyspeptic though they may be, many have banked enough of an older civic culture's nobler passions so that were Colin Powell, who graduated City College before affirmative action, the Republican nominee, he would sweep the island against Clinton. A latent, social Catholicism here prefers conservative, corporatist responsibility to congressional Republicans' mindless laissez-faire.

In the U.S. Congress, Molinari has negotiated these politics in different ways. At first, she voted with labor and the providers of pork, such as the U.S. Navy's short-lived homeport on Staten Island. In 1994, she backed Clinton's crime bill. And there were even strains of a novice feminism: she sponsored a version of the Sexual Assault Prevention Act of 1993 that would admit into cases past evidence against a defendant who'd never been indicted. She also touted studies, since debunked, that claimed girls are shortchanged in schools where they outperform boys.

Since rising to House leadership, Molinari's previously moderate labor, environmental and feminist ratings have plummeted. She turned against the crime bill, angering some of her own blue-uniformed constituents, and voted to cut summer jobs and housing assistance. Still, New York liberals who delight in exposing Molinari as a feminist impostor and faux-moderate opportunist miss the point: the very Devil's bargain Tess felt forced to make is, for Molinari, a win/win dilemma. Tess had to fight hard just to get a chance to choose between settling for Staten Island as a sour, parochial refuge from decrepit urban liberalism, and getting recognition in glittering but colder realms. Guy Molinari has given his daughter the keys to the refuge but also a red-carpeted path to wider horizons dominated, just now, by another patriarch, Dole. Out of familial pride, Staten Islanders are letting her have it both ways. She'll go to San Diego and show off the baby, proud Dad in tow. Like Tess, she'll disarm her detractors, and a lot of Americans will think they're watching "Working Girl II." Not even Beltway feminists can debunk that script.

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The futile search for a 'fairer, flatter tax'

By JONATHAN CHAIT

It's often said that if U.S. presidential candidate Bob Dole has stood for one idea throughout his career, it's deficit reduction. Sure, he's funneled billions in useless tax subsidies to corporate welfare poster child Archer Daniels Midland and helped feed the bloated budgets of the Reagan-Bush years. Still, Dole has kept a healthy distance between himself and the U.S. Republican party's supply-side loonies.

Until now. The loonies, undeterred by historical repudiation, have convinced the desperate Dole to embrace a massive supply-side cut, either by repealing U.S. President Bill Clinton's 1993 increase (which mainly affected the wealthiest 1 percent of taxpayers) or an across-the-board reduction. Dole has already been talking, oxymoronically, of a "fairer, flatter tax."

Dole's tax cut fever means that U.S. presidential politics this year could once again be little more than a tax cut bidding war. In 1984 and '88, U.S. presidential candidates Ronald Reagan and George Bush pummeled their Democratic foes for refusing to rule out tax increases despite uncontrollable deficits. In 1992 Clinton got wise and promised a middle-class tax cut. In office, of course, he got deficit reduction religion, dropped his pledge (which wouldn't have meant much anyway) and passed a budget that's begun to stem the last 12 years of red ink. As a percentage of GNP, the U.S. deficit is now the lowest in the industrialized world.

While Clinton hasn't disarmed unilaterally — he continues to endorse a host of tax goodies aimed at swing voters — he's acted relatively responsibly. Dole ought to declare a truce. Instead, he's about to up the tax cut ante by hundreds of billions of dollars and dare Clinton to match his irresponsibility.

When speaking anonymously, members of Dole's coterie admit frankly that tax cutting is about closing Clinton's lead in the polls. On the record, they try to argue the case on its economic merits. Slow economic growth under Clinton (2.4 percent a year), they say, has caused average incomes to stagnate. Tax cuts will reverse this course. Consider this claim one part at a time.

Although, as Republicans point out, growth under nearly every presidential administration has trailed the post-war average. That's because the 25 years after 1945 saw sustained economic growth that hasn't been matched before or since. For the post-1973 era, Clinton's economic growth has been superb. Whether the economy can grow faster over a sustained period is debatable. But as long as Alan Greenspan heads the U.S. Federal Reserve (which will be at least until 2000, now that Clinton has named him to a third term), there's nothing Bob Dole could do about it. The inflation-wary Greenspan thinks the economy can grow at about 2.5 percent. So even if a Dole tax cut fueled growth, the Fed would likely raise interest rates to check it.

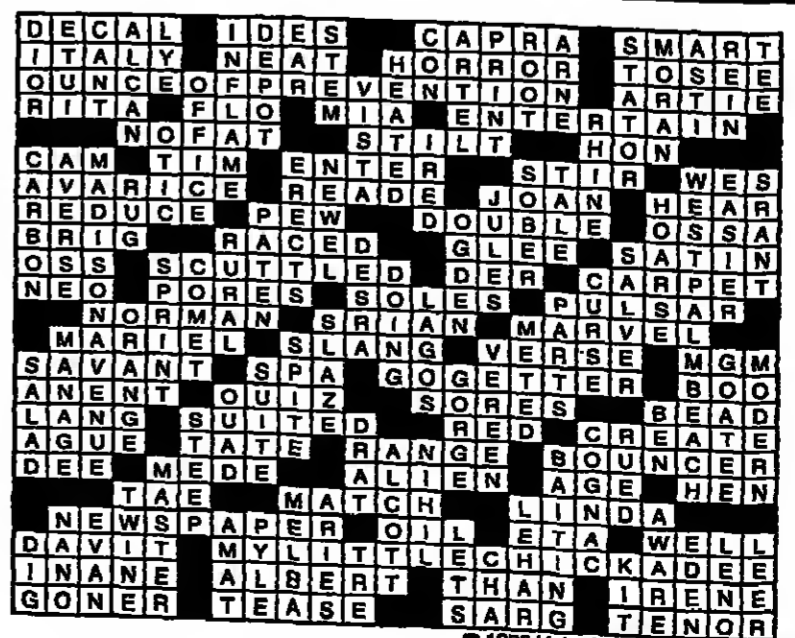
Even if the Fed reversed its economic philosophy overnight and allowed faster growth, tax cuts are hardly the answer. As Clinton's GOP critics note, wages have been stagnant the past four years. They were stagnant for the previous 20 years, too. This fact doesn't damn Clinton; it points to an underlying — and widening — inequality in the economy, as John Judis and Michael Walzer have recently noted. Profits as a share of national income are at peak levels, the stock market is booming, the college-educated are getting richer, yet the average worker remains where he was 20 years ago.

Dole's solution wouldn't fix this. It would make it worse. In the short term, it would widen the income gap. Since income taxes are progressive, cutting them helps the wealthy disproportionately. Supply-siders will say that regressive taxes are OK, since it's confiscatory tax rates that are keeping the productive (read: rich) elements of society from creating more wealth for everyone. But the evidence suggests they're wrong. Clinton's tax hike on the wealthy led to a stock market boom and millions of new jobs. A budget-busting tax cut would shake this confidence, raising rates and braking the U.S. economy. The economic pie would not only be divided less equally, but also get smaller.

Dole's tax cut isn't an economic plan. It's a political plan. One interpretation is that Dole has betrayed his inner deficit hawk. Or perhaps he's just decided to treat the entire voting public as if it were Archer Daniels Midland. For some things have always been more important to Bob Dole than balancing the budget.

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When stories are not enough

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

IN 1952 in Jerusalem, an old man with a white beard and wearing the black garb of a Hassid, was seen weeping in shul. A youngster asked a leading member of the congregation why the old Jew was crying.

The leader explained that in 1917 the man had been a Jewish chaplain attached to the Austrian army. The First World War was raging when his unit entered a small town in northern Italy.

Pessah was approaching, and he inquired about a synagogue. Yes, there was a synagogue, but it was rarely used, even then.

It was hidden behind an ordinary street facade. An old caretaker opened the doors for him. Inside he was awestruck by an incredibly ornate ark and beautiful fittings, the likes of which he had never seen before.

The old man's name was Dr. Disbon. When he had prayed in this same synagogue the first time he was Harry Deutsch, an Austrian army chaplain stationed in the border town of Conegliano-Veneto. In 1952, the 300-year-old Conegliano-Veneto synagogue was transplanted to Jerusalem, and Dishon had come to give thanks. The youngster was David Cassuto, now a Jerusalem deputy mayor and leading member of the Italian community in Israel.

"A good story, but stories are not enough," Cassuto says. "We have pictures."

The Nahon Museum of Italian Jewish Art, established around the synagogue in 1987, holds a

collection of some 3,000 photographs, many over 100 years old. Among the pictures are small prints of Austrian Jewish soldiers at the Conegliano-Veneto synagogue in 1917, and photos of the rededication of the synagogue in Jerusalem in the presence of president Izhak Ben-Zvi in 1952.

The heart of the collection is a series of photographs commissioned by two Ferrara brothers, Silvio and Uberto Magrini, at the end of the 19th century. Unknown photographers produced a total of 705 plates in seven albums of synagogues, ritual objects, ghettos and cemeteries throughout Italy. One set of prints was sent to Rome and a second set arrived in Jerusalem in the mid-1950s. The Roman set has been lost, as were the original plates, which makes the Jerusalem series unique and invaluable.

Later, a second collection of photos of the Roman and Florentine communities was donated by Rabbi Fernando Belgrado of Rome. And since then, many other donors have swelled the museum's archives with historical pictures of Italian Jewry.

According to Virginia Milman, the museum's curator of photography, 95% of the pictures are in "good condition." Each is separately stored in an acid-free paper envelope. For two years now she has been numbering each item, and cataloging the photos according to subjects covering every aspect of Jewish life and culture.

Though Jews first settled in Italy before the Babylonian Exile, the community has never been



The Nahon Museum of Italian Jewish Art photography collection includes this 1880 Florence Ghetto picture (est. 1871) (Repro. David Brauner)

large. At its peak after Italian Emancipation in 1848, there were about 40,000 Jews living in around 50-60 communities, some as small as 70 to 200 people. Despite their relatively small numbers compared to France, Germany, Poland and Russia, Italian Jews have always played an important role in the history of their nation, especially since the time Italy was unified. At the

same time, Italian Jewry evolved a unique tradition and, in particular, a very artistic approach to Jewish life and institutions.

However, much has been lost, not because of the wholesale destruction as in other parts of Europe, but through deterioration from shifting populations and natural attrition. All that remains of many communities are photographs.

Cassuto emphasizes that "historical photographic evidence is a vital means of consciousness-raising. The only way to educate our children [many of whom do not speak a word of Italian] is documentation, documentation, documentation."

Museum director Nava Kessler adds, "It is becoming harder and harder to explain to children today why we are here. That's why preserving old photographs is so important."

Kessler regrets that the museum's modest budget (at present the only source of finance for the photographic archives comes from the David Melul Foundation) cannot provide funds for the manpower required to fully research the content and significance of many of the pictures. Also important, the archives have never been systematically reproduced (rephotographed), a step necessary for disseminating the material to outside researchers, and for mounting exhibitions. Unfortunately, most of the pictures have rarely been seen, except by the staff.

For further information about the collection call Nava Kessler, 02-624-1610.

Striking a balance between religion and reality

RABBI Yitzhak Yaakov Reines could have adopted Kipling's phrase to describe his own dilemma: "Faith is faith and logic is logic - and never the two will meet." Yet he did his best to achieve some sort of balance between Jewish tradition and the requirements of a modern age.

He founded a yeshiva and included secular sciences in the curriculum, but was obliged to close it after only four years.

Reines responded enthusiastically to Herzl's appeal to join the Zionist movement by creating the Mizrahi organization.

But try as he would to reconcile Halacha with contemporary life, he failed to find a reasonable solution for the inherent contradictions. Of course, faith was always

his strongest ally.

His was a time in which an intelligent Orthodox person could not escape troubling contemplation about God, tradition and modern philosophy.

Spinoza appealed to the inquiring mind. Even Kant seeped into the hard core of Orthodox Judaism in Eastern Europe. The contradictions between the biblical story of creation and the scientific theories of the day were difficult to reconcile.

Prof. Dov Schwartz, of Bar-Ilan University, devotes his 310-page book *Emina al Parashat Drakhim* ("Faith at the Crossroads") to the "Theology of the Religious Zionist Movement" (Am Oved, publishers).

Zionism, apparently, was not the main credo of National Religious Jews. Reines, and other rabbis

kosher food served in the army.

But in the "historical affinity" between the secular Zionists and the religious Zionists, the latter did not claim, at first, a role, in political or national aims.

The National Religious political entity was able to survive only because its leaders made a clear distinction between religious tenets and a pragmatic acceptance of reality. And this is exactly how it should remain, Schwartz argues.

Paradoxically, it was the late Prof. Yeshayahu Leibovitz who denied any link between religion and nationalism. Schwartz remarks: According to Leibovitz, Jews "just became impatient with being ruled by goyim." A "full Jewish life" was, according to Leibovitz, more plausible in the Diaspora than in a Jewish State.

History was "irrelevant in understanding God."

On the other end of the Religious-Zionist spectrum are those who believe that everything that happens to the Jewish people in the Holy Land is the result of a divine miracle. The very establishment of the State of Israel, though apparently brought about by human endeavour, was a miracle, an event that has no logical interpretation, except as the manifestation of Divine will.

Secular Zionists, such as Moshe Shafir, the novelist-cum-politician, currently argue that the "future" of the Jewish people in Israel hinges on the ability of the secular and religious to come to terms. If Schwartz's interpretation is valid, it appears that only a miracle can produce it.

Heads 'n' Tails
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

ANYONE who has ever really gotten to know both dogs and cats can tell you that cats are far more determined, and yes, they can sometimes be even downright stubborn. Once a cat gets something into its head it's hard to change it. Dogs are far easier to convince that there's another way. But sometimes other factors reinforce what looks like simple pigheadedness.

This is the situation of a reader who says that she is stymied by a 3½-month-old kitten. The kitten was weaned and went to its new home where it at once showed itself to be clean, always using the litter box provided for it. The problem only started recently when they decided that now that the kitten is older it should go outside for its toilet needs. The kitten refuses to do so. It plays outside and then runs home to its litter box. When they put the litter box outside it refuses to use it, manages to contain itself for hours and then, when it goes into the house immediately looks for its customary toilet.

On first consideration it would seem that the kitten is just stubborn and indeed cats can be just that. But there are other factors that also contribute to the problem.

First of all the kitten was weaned much too young. It was only 10 weeks old at the time of the letter to this column and 10 weeks is the age when the kitten should be taken from its mother and litter mates. Because of this it probably lacks self confidence and a feeling of security when it is outside. It most likely would also refuse to eat outside. Kittens feel very vulnerable when eating or attending to their toilet needs and often refuse to do so in a strange place.

There are several ways to approach this problem but all of them hinge on patience. Instead

of putting the litter box outside in the garden, one could try putting it just outside the door. Even then it might take several days. Another thing that would probably help is to start using dry earth instead of other materials in the box so that the kitten gets used to the earth as a repository. In any case, you'll probably have to invest a lot of time in getting the kitten used to this new idea.

This case once again stresses the fact that there is far more to maternal care than providing milk. Cats, by nature, have a very long period of maternal instruction. This includes all the cats from the smallest domestic ones, right up to lions and tigers. The instruction period for cats is many times longer than in members of the dog family, for instance.

Had the kitten in the reader's letter remained with its mother for a proper length of time, she would have started to accompany it outside, and, feeling secure with her nearby, the kitten would have undoubtedly imitated her and started to prefer the garden to a litter box. It will most likely start to use the garden for its needs in the course of time; it just requires patience.

In rare circumstances a cat refuses to do this, in which case you are stuck with the chore of taking care of a litter box. It could be worse, it could be one of those kittens that decides that only a pillow, rug or other household object is suitable for its needs.

Quadriplegic earns tops CIA award

EVERY year, the US Central Intelligence Agency bestows an award on its best scientist, but like most things at the agency, the award has been shrouded in secrecy. The winner is not allowed to tell outsiders - not even family members - of the honor.

This year, for the first time, the winner's name has been disclosed: John Craven.

A colleague called the CIA's scientist of the year an "out-of-the-box" thinker who makes revolutionary, not evolutionary, advances. The agency, in a brief statement, said Craven's "breakthroughs in areas of computer logic, digital signal processing and laser technology are truly remarkable."

Equally remarkable is the way Craven accomplishes his work - by holding a pointer in his mouth to tap out letters on a computer keyboard - and where he works - at home, lying on a hospital bed.

Since a swimming accident in 1971, Craven has been paralyzed from the neck down.

For a decade following the accident, he lived in a double room at a suburban Maryland nursing home. While one elderly person after another slowly died next to him, Craven performed his CIA work, one tap on the keyboard at a time.

Now he lives on his own in a modest apartment in Wheaton, Maryland, where he has a round-the-clock care-giver.

Craven does not seek publicity. He is a private man who had to be persuaded by the CIA's public-affairs department to grant an interview. He agreed, largely because he is thankful to the agency. The last thing he wants is sympathy or condescension.

So if it is possible, forget that his arms and legs are withered and remember just one thing: John Craven is the CIA's scientist of the year. He beat everyone else.

You read these maudlin stories about "So-and-so triumphs under trying circumstances," he says during an interview in his apartment. "I don't want to contribute to that kind of story, because I don't want to make myself out as either a poor, pathetic person or as somebody who's a hero or remarkable in some way.

"I think a lot of people in the same circumstances would do just as well. I think people are very resilient and a lot tougher than



John Craven, who taps out his work on a computer since a paralyzing accident, was named the CIA's top scientist for this year. (Bill O'Leary/Washington Post)

they think they are."

Craven, 57, received the award for three projects. One involves the use of microwave technology to increase, by a factor of 100, the speed at which computers can operate. The second project involves a new form of laser technology and the third he is not allowed to talk about.

"Our charter is to push the state of the art," Craven says, referring to the corps of scientists working in the agency's Directorate for Science and Technology. "My goal is not to nudge the state of the art, but to try to make a quantum leap. The exciting thing about science is to do something original."

After completing a doctorate at the University of Chicago, Craven went to work for the CIA. He was placed on a special career-development track for the agency's top prospects, a six-month program that sent him all over the country, from Cape Canaveral to a U-2 spy-plane

base to Strategic Air Command headquarters in Wyoming and a nuclear submarine. The idea was to acquaint the best and the brightest with every aspect of the government's military and scientific hardware.

And then the accident happened. In 1971, Craven drove to Ocean City, Maryland, with his wife and 2-year-old son.

They dropped off their bags at a hotel, changed into swimsuits and headed out to the beach. Craven was a strong swimmer, so there was no need for him to worry about the powerful waves. He swam through them, beyond them.

When the final wave he was riding tossed him head over heels, he down into the murky water, his head hit a sandbar, and his neck snapped between the third and fourth vertebrae. Instantly and forever, he was paralyzed from the neck down.

Craven's brother, who had come along for the weekend, was watch-

ing from the shoreline and ran out into the water when he saw what happened. He pulled Craven's head out of the water, and Craven said to him, "I'm in big trouble here."

"When something like this happens and nearly destroys your life, you ask whether it's worth it to go on," Craven says. "You get depressed, you feel sorry for yourself for a while, but there's not much to be gained by that. You just make the best of a bad situation."

Craven was taken to a hospital, where he remained for six months. After that, he was sent to a geriatric nursing home, where the CIA sent him unclassified programs to work on - an odd situation by any estimation.

Craven has nothing but praise for the agency's decision to give him a chance at a time when chances for disabled people were few.

It went well. The workload grew

and became classified, and Craven began the most remarkable journey of all - up the ranks of the CIA. A few years ago, he reached the highest level, the Senior Intelligence Service.

The accomplishment that Craven is most proud of, however, has nothing to do with his work. It is his son, Scott, 27, a financial analyst for a New York asset-management firm.

"When I looked at my friends, I never felt that they had the sort of closeness with their parents that I had with mine," says Scott, whose parents have an amicable divorce and remain on the best of terms. "Having a relationship on a mental level helped to solidify a real bond. We grew very close through his always being there, always being willing to help me, always lending an ear, always setting a great example."

"What kind of example can a quadriplegic set for his son? The example, Scott says, involved dignity, integrity, compassion, intelligence and determination." (Los Angeles Times)

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Shearer scores in Newcastle debut

LINCOLN (Reuter) - Alan Shearer, Newcastle's world record signing, found his goal-scoring touch in his first outing for his new club in a 2-0 victory over Lincoln in a friendly on Friday.

As Newcastle warmed up for its Charity Shield clash today the £15 million England striker coolly slotted home a first half penalty to open his account.

Belgian defender Philippe Albert stole forward to settle the issue by doubling Newcastle's tally midway through the second half as the league runners-up, minus only the services of virus-hit Les Ferdinand, turned on the style against their third division hosts.

Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan unleashed Shearer for the full 90 minutes, but it was nine minutes before the former Blackburn star managed to get even a touch.

But when he did it almost brought a goal. The new Newcastle hero chested down to Robert Lee before moving on to the return ball to clatter a right foot shot just wide from 20 yards.

Another Shearer blockbuster, this time with his left foot, from a Ginola cut-back brought a fine block from home keeper Barry Richardson.

But it was Lincoln who should have scored first on the half hour, Brown somehow heading over an

open goal from six yards.

The next time Lincoln gave Shearer a sniff of the target they were made to pay. Steve Holmes handled needlessly under pressure from the menacing striker as they challenged for Beardsley's deep 33rd minute cross, and Shearer despatched the spot kick with minimum fuss as the keeper guessed wrongly by plunging to his left.

That was the cue for Newcastle to take complete charge and they twice threatened to go further ahead before half time.

After the break, Newcastle withstood a fierce Lincoln counter-attack and Albert nodded home from almost under the bar

after substitute Faustino Asprilla had retrieved Keith Gillespie's wellplayed cross with an intelligent header.

Shearer, quiet in the second half by his own sky-high standards, almost scored again on 71 minutes, planting a powerful header flush against the bar from Ginola's corner.

In other action yesterday, the Scottish League season opened with Premier Division Aberdeen drawing 2-2 with Celtic, Dundee United and Motherwell drawing 1-1, Hibernian losing away 2-1 to Kilmarnock 2 and host Glasgow Rangers beating Raith 1-0. Dumbfries and Hearts was postponed.

Charity Shield stakes raised

LONDON (Reuter) - The English Charity Shield is usually a relaxed affair - a sunny August prelude to the new season and a gentle reminder of the battles from the past year's league and FA Cup campaigns.

Not so this year. Alan Shearer's decision to join Newcastle - despite the best efforts of Manchester United to coax him to Old Trafford - and memories of the epic tussle for last season's English league title, have added spice to today's Wembley clash between the two most ambitious clubs in English soccer.

The game comes amidst news that international striker Lee Sharpe of Manchester United has moved to Leeds for £4 million.

While last year's dull encounter between Everton and Blackburn attracted just 40,000 fans to Wembley, this year's Charity Shield is not far short of a 73,000 sell-out.

United won the league top-of-war last year, overhauling a 12-point deficit to steal the title away from Newcastle in the last week of the season. They went on to

complete the double for the second time in three years.

Newcastle ended the season empty-handed, missing out on their first league title since 1927.

But revenge for last season will be only a secondary motive for Kevin Keegan's men when they line up for today's match, the traditional curtain-raiser to the English soccer season.

More important will be to score an early psychological hit in a campaign which - if pre-season signings are anything to go by - will end with either United or Newcastle as champions.

Shearer, inevitably, will be the man to watch. Making his competitive debut for the club he supported as a boy following his world-record move, the omens are good for the England striker, who turns 26 on Tuesday.

First, Shearer relishes big match debuts. At 17 he scored a hat-trick in his first-team debut for Southampton, and two goals in his first match for Blackburn.

Furthermore, Wembley is a happy hunting ground. In June, at Euro 96, he scored five times in open play for England, ending up

as the tournament's top scorer.

For United, Karel Poborsky returns to the stadium where he and his Czech teammates lost the European championship final in June, and Jordi Cruyff will also be on show.

"I don't intend to have either Karel or Jordi in the starting line up on Sunday but both of them will get a run out," Ferguson said.

Frenchman Eric Cantona will be back at Wembley for the first time since his goal won the FA Cup for United in May. He also faces Newcastle for the first time since scoring the only goal in their tense league clash at St James's Park in March.

For Newcastle, England striker Les Ferdinand will want to prove he is more than just Shearer's sidekick, as will Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla and French winger David Ginola.

The Charity Shield traditionally pits the English league champions against the FA Cup winners, but as Manchester United won both competitions last season, Newcastle qualified for today's match as league runners-up.

Gold medalist trading javelin for a tomahawk?

ATLANTA (AP) - Jan Zelezny walked to the bullpen in the right-field corner at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, looking a bit uncomfortable with a glove on his left hand and a little white ball in his right.

That wasn't surprising: Zelezny is used to throwing a javelin, not a baseball.

But four days after winning his second straight Olympic gold medal, Zelezny worked out Wednesday for the World Series champion Atlanta Braves, hoping to begin a new career as a pitcher.

In an event that looked more like a publicity stunt than a legitimate tryout, Zelezny spent 25 minutes throwing under the watchful eye of pitching coach Leo Mazzone, several Braves officials and about 40 members of the media.

"It was a great experience for me," said Zelezny, a native of the Czech Republic who has never played baseball. "I hope I didn't disappoint anyone."

Zelezny's lack of baseball knowledge was quickly apparent. Mazzone had to instruct him on even the most rudimentary aspects of pitching, including the grip and three-step process for delivering the ball. Then Zelezny's third pitch sailed over the head of bullpen catcher Ned Yost - and over the 8-foot-high screen behind Yost.

Nearby, four-time Cy Young pitcher Greg Maddux watched the tryout sitting on a bucket of balls. He didn't seem the least bit concerned that his job was in jeopardy.

"We're not disappointed with what we saw at all," insisted Paul Snyder, the Braves' director of scouting. "He's basically starting in first grade when it comes to baseball."

Zelezny called to ask for a tryout after Bill Clark, the Braves' director of international scouting, attended a baseball tournament in Prague. Clark believed the idea was feasible since the motion of throwing a 1-pound javelin is similar to throwing a 5-ounce baseball.

The Braves said they would invite Zelezny to spring training next year, and the javelin thrower plans to be there. For the rest of this year, though, it's back to Europe to continue his track and field career.

"It's going to take something



HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW - Atlanta Braves' pitching coach Leo Mazzone watches Olympian javelinist Jan Zelezny's mechanics as he tries out for the ballclub last week. (AP)

lengthier than a 15-minute tryout, obviously," Snyder said. "But if he could do that every other day for, say, 20 or 30 days, imagine what he could do."

Zelezny eventually managed to get good velocity on his pitches - probably in the mid-70 mph range - but nothing close to major-league caliber. And the intricacies of pitching - breaking balls, changing speeds - are completely foreign to him.

His uniform was a bit unorthodox, too: red athletic tights trimmed in gold and black, a T-shirt and no cap.

"For someone who hasn't thrown a baseball a whole lot, I thought he did all right," Mazzone said. "When I told him to pop one

in there good, he did it."

Of course, another time when Zelezny tried to muscle up on a pitch, it went sailing over the screen and nearly hit the cameraman filming the event alongside the dugout.

"A little high cheese," Mazzone said, unable to keep himself from cracking up. "That's all right. Don't sacrifice stuff for location."

At age 30, Zelezny faces nearly insurmountable odds if he is serious about playing baseball. Michael Jordan had at least played baseball in high school when he tried to make the switch from the NBA to the major leagues, whereas Zelezny's experience is limited to watching a few games on television and tossing a ball with his 7-year-old son in the backyard.

Suffering from Olympic withdrawal? Surf on over to the Israeli Olympic website

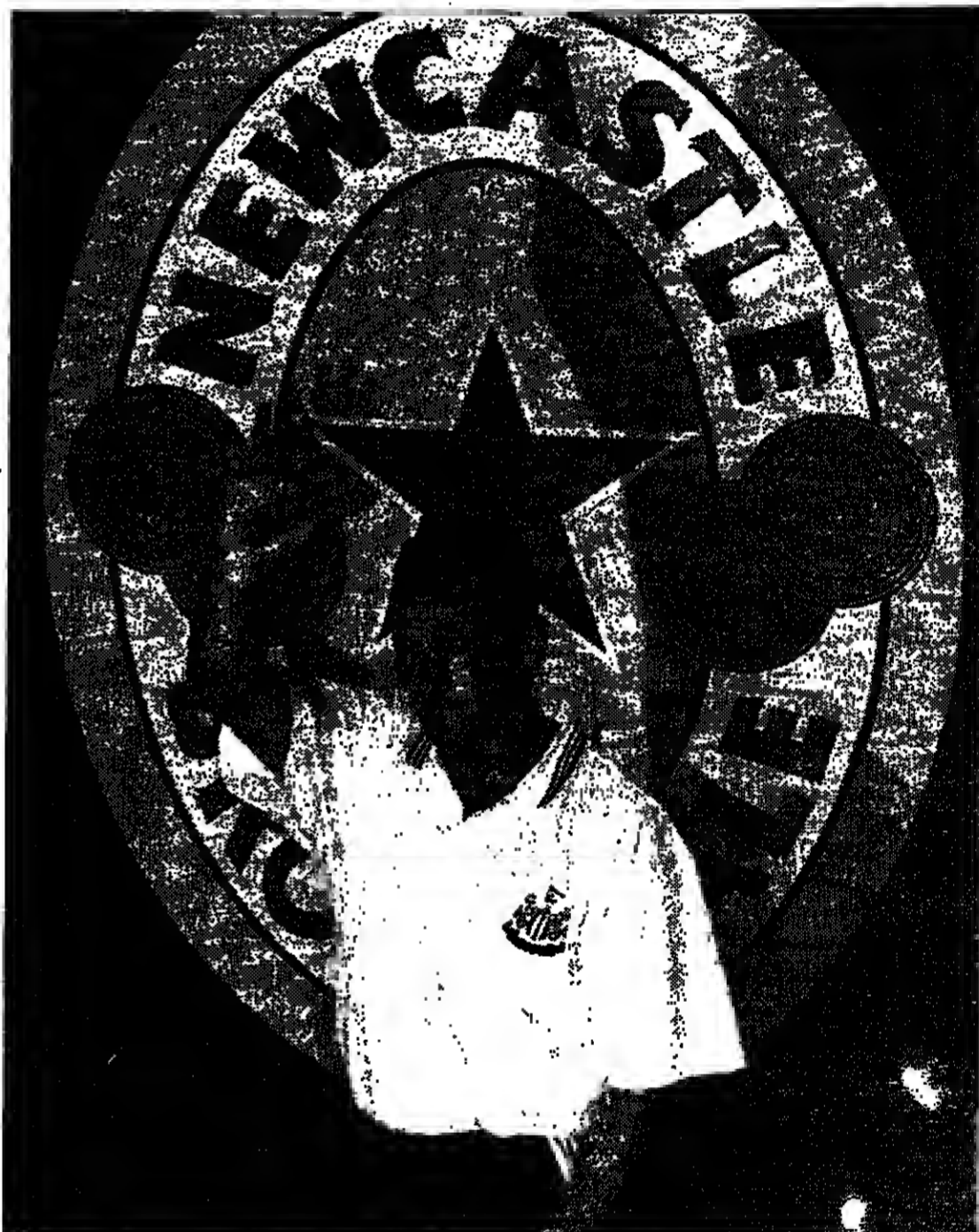
JUDY SIEGEL

If you're having difficulty weaning yourself from the Olympic Games, you can still get information over the Internet in English and Hebrew until the end of August. IBM-Israel launched with the games a special Hebrew-language site on the Israeli sportsmen and women who participated in the Atlanta games, and with *The Jerusalem Post*, most of it has been translated into English. Several thousand people - about half in Israel and the rest abroad, mostly in North America - have accessed the sites during each day of the quadrennial event.

IBM International sponsored a general Internet site on the Atlanta Games (<http://www.ibm.net>), but for those especially keen on the Israeli aspect of the games, the IBM-Israel site will be more interesting. The English-language site, accessible by clicking on an icon in *The Jerusalem Post's* Internet Edition (<http://www.jpost.co.il>) was designed by Context Ltd. IBM-Israel's Hebrew-language site is at olympic.ibm.net.il.

The local site provides full information about the Israeli athletes, as well as a special message board for people who log on from anywhere in the world to leave their ideas and reactions. The Hebrew version carries a collection of Olympics cartoons that were drawn over several decades by the veteran *Ha'aretz* cartoonist Ze'ev.

Both versions have a memorial site to the 11 Israeli sportsmen murdered during the Munich games in 1972; their portraits and biographies are presented along with a bouquet of flowers next to each photograph. A trivia quiz (winners received a CD-ROM), games schedule and medal information are also presented. IBM-Israel spokeswoman Shula Heitner said the company invested \$20,000 on the local site, and that the giant corporation's subsidiaries only in New Zealand and Ghana produced their own local Internet sites for the games.



BREAK OUT THE CHAMPAGNE - With the recent addition of goal-meister Alan Shearer to the club, Newcastle can hardly wait for the season to begin. (Reuter)

New British soccer season promises lots of excitement

LONDON (Reuter) - Forget the squabbles over beef and a single European currency. When it comes to soccer, the English cannot get enough of their continental neighbors.

When the Premier League kicks off in just under a week's time, talent from mainland Europe will be everywhere, from newly-promoted Derby where Croat Aljosa Asanovic makes his British debut, to the real title contenders - Manchester United, Newcastle, Liverpool, Chelsea and Blackburn.

For the second year running, English soccer has emerged from a heady summer of transfer deals with the sort of trade deficit that would make a finance minister blush.

Pre-season spending on imports is up around the £50 million mark for the first time ever. And big premier league exports? Well, there aren't any.

Whereas a few years ago the best players in England would have looked to Italy or Spain as stages on which to further their careers, now they are content to stay at home.

Alan Shearer is the most spectacular example of that. A £15m transfer deal took him not to Milan's San Siro or Barcelona's Nou Camp, but to St James's Park, Newcastle, five kilometers from where he was born.

Newcastle, still smarting from defeat to Manchester United in last year's league campaign, start this year's quest for their first league title since 1927 at Everton on Saturday, August 17.

Before that though, they can deal United an early psychological blow by beating them at Wembley on Sunday in the traditional league curtain raiser, the Charity Shield.

While Newcastle boss Kevin Keegan has pulled off the most audacious coup of the close season in signing Shearer, United's Alex Ferguson has written the greatest number of cheques.

Among United's new faces are Dutch forward Jordi Cruyff from Barcelona, Czech Euro 96 hero Karel Poborsky from Slavia Prague, Norwegian Ole Gunnar and Ronny Johnsen.

United, who begin at Wimbledon a week on Saturday, must start narrow favorites to defend their title.

If they do have a weakness it is in the center of defense. The old partnership of Steve Bruce and Gary Pallister is no more. Bruce having moved on to First Division Birmingham City, Pallister still seems prone

to injuries, and his new partner Johnsen will have to settle quickly.

The only other question hanging over United is their will to win the league. With three titles in the last four years, Ferguson and the men in red may have their hearts set on the European Cup more than the English championship.

The prize for bargain of the summer must go to Ruud Gullit for bringing Gianluca Vialli to Chelsea without paying Juventus a single lira.

Vialli teams up with compatriot Roberto di Matteo and French international defender Franck Leboeuf to give Chelsea their best chance of a major title since the early 1970s when they lifted the FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup.

Middlesbrough have also been raiding serie A in the close season, dishing out £7m for Juventus striker Fabrizio Ravanelli.

He links up with Brazilians Juninho and Branco, who signed last season, and Emerson, who joined from Porto this summer for £4m.

It remains to be seen whether Middlesbrough have the all-round strength to bring the league title to their glittering Riverside Stadium.

Blackburn have had a quiet summer by their own recent standards, but they made a fortune from the Shearer transfer and may well look to replace the England man with a major European buy before too long.

Liverpool, the only team to seriously challenge race, will once again be pushing hard for a record 19th league title.

Their strengths lie in their ever-improving young British players - Stan Collymore, Robbie Fowler, Steve McManaman and Jason McAteer - but Liverpool too have been shopping in Europe, signing Czech Patrik Berger from German champions Borussia Dortmund for £3.75m.

Even the Premier League's more modest clubs are punting aside their traditional Euro-scepticism to trade with their EU partners.

But, perhaps more than ever before, there is a feeling the likes of Manchester United and Newcastle are a class apart.

The two sides are due to face each other at Old Trafford on April 23, 1997, just a fortnight before the league season ends. It could turn out to be the title decider.

Fans flock to Cooperstown to remember baseball's 'better days'

COOPERSTOWN, NY (AP) - Each year at this time, baseball fans descend on this normally quiet village to share stories of the game's greatest players and pay homage to its past.

Disenchanted with today's labor conflicts, high ticket prices and high player salaries, many of the sport's faithful say a trip to Cooperstown eases their anger and stirs memories of a time when the sport was untouched by monetary issues.

And even as thousands of fans joined their heroes last week to welcome Earl Weaver and Jim Bunning into the Hall of Fame, some say a feeling of anger and disappointment still lingered in the air.

"There is definitely more of a sense of nostalgia than there is a love for today's game," said Maggie Price, a manager at a local memorabilia store. "Many people who come to Cooperstown say they come to take more of a look back than anything else."

"Baseball on the major league level has struggled to regain the trust of its fans since a strike wiped out the 1994 World Series and led to a shortened season in 1995. The union's leadership says players may walk out again if owners unilaterally impose work rules."

As a result, Price said more and more baseball fans are looking to the past to recapture the game's excitement.

"Baseball is trying to do a little more to win back the fans," said Lance Conklin, of Connecticut, who took his family on their first visit to the Hall. "But I can't help but look back at my childhood

when I'm in here. I was a big Mickey Mantle fan."

Look down Main Street and storefront windows are full of mementos of teams long gone, such as the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants. Autograph-seekers, both young and old, hover around Don Larsen and Hank Bauer to hear stories of the Yankees' World Series victories.

"The problem with today's game is that there are too many people making too much

money," said Bob Rinaldi, a long-time fan and village visitor from Staten Island. "It's much different now."

Some fans remained unfazed by the antics of today's well-paid players, said Bill Yoerg, of Pennsylvania, who made his first visit to the Hall. He said the sport has been making progress getting fans back.

"I am attracted to Cooperstown and the game itself both by a sense of nostalgia and an appreciation

for the game," he said. "The majors need to keep doing a lot of things to keep getting people involved."

It was a sentiment shared by Bunning in his induction speech. "I urge the fans not to give up on baseball," Bunning said. "It's hard to remember that it's just a kid's game."

He added that players and owners needed to resolve their differences permanently, "pick a course and then stick with it."

Hall of Fame plaques

Lettering on the Hall of Fame plaques of Earl Weaver, Jim Bunning, Bill Foster and Ned Hanlon, each enshrined August 4 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Earl Sidney Weaver

Baltimore, A.L. 1968-1982, 1985-1986
Managed Orioles with intensity, flair and acerbic wit for 17 seasons. 583 winning percentage (1480-1060) ranks fifth all-time among 20th century managers with 10 or more years service. 94.3 wins per season ranks first. Five 100-win seasons second on all-time list. Won six A.L. East titles, four pennants and 1970 World Series.

James Paul David Bunning

Detroit, A.L. 1955-1963; Philadelphia, N.L. 1964-1967, 1970-1971; Pittsburgh, N.L. 1968-1969; Los Angeles, N.L. 1969
Maintained dedication and consistency throughout 17 seasons while posting career record of 224-184 with 3.27 ERA. Intimidating right-handed sidearm won 100 games, pitched no-hitter and struck out 1,000 in both leagues. 1964 perfect game was first in N.L. in 20th century. Second all-time in strikeouts (2,855) upon retirement in 1971. Enjoyed second career as multi-term U.S. Congressman.

Edward Hugh Hanlon (Ned)

Pittsburgh, N.L. 1889, 1891; Pittsburgh, P.L. 1890; Baltimore, N.L. 1892-1898; Brooklyn, N.L. 1899-1905; Cincinnati, N.L. 1906-1907
Manager of five pennant winning teams with Baltimore and Brooklyn, employing innovative tactics such as hit and run, squeeze and "Baltimore chop." Four of his players - McGraw, Robinson, Jennings and Huggins themselves became Hall of Fame managers. Also headed baseball's rules committee. A speedy outfielder with Detroit during his playing days.

William Hendrick Foster

Negro Leagues, 1923-1937
Regarded as one of the best left-handed pitchers in Negro League history and also managed several clubs. Devastating sidearm delivery made him consistent winner. Instrumental in Chicago American Giants' Negro League pennant and World Series success in 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1933. Won 26 straight in 1928 and had 32-3 mark in 1927. Coached baseball at alma mater, Alcorn A&M College in Mississippi, 1960-1978.

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Soccer season opens with 24 goals in Toto Cup action

DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

THE opening weekend of the 1996-97 soccer season logged up a respectable total of 20,000 spectators at seven first-round Toto Cup games. Despite the summer lull, the teams wasted no time getting down to business, chalking up 24 goals between them.

Unfortunately the referees were also busy, sending off six players. Around 5,000 fans turned out at Teddy Stadium yesterday to see Betar Jerusalem host Hapoel Taiba for the Israeli-Arab side's first-ever official match as members of the National League. Although the match ended in a goalless draw the game was full of incident and fast open-flowing soccer. Taiba mayor, Rafik Haj Yehiye who is a committee member, warmly praised the reception given his side by the Betar management, who made every effort to avoid problems in what could have been a potentially stormy debut by Taiba in front of the Jerusalemite's nationalistic fans.

The only black mark in the match was the second-half dismissal of Eitan Mizrahi, and even

the Betar fans gave a relatively friendly welcome to the visitors. The hosts' fans were more concerned with berating their players for the awful display in midweek against Bodo/Gilim in the UEFA Cup, a match with the Betars would rather forget after losing 5-1. Both sides had their chances to score, in an open, fast-paced match. Sahar Mizrahi had an excellent early chance to put the visitors ahead. Taiba's goalkeeper, Shlomi Dahan later made a superb diving save late in the first half when he denied Betar's Yossi Abukis.

The most exciting fixture of the weekend proved to be Hapoel Petah Tikva's match against Hapoel Haifa which ended 4-4. Bnei Yehuda also managed to net four goals in a 4-2 away victory at Maccabi Herzliya. The Hatikva Quarter outfit is looking to sign Maccabi Haifa's Alon Hazan, but still has to close a deal with Alou Mizrahi.

Maccabi Tel Aviv managed to

put its Euro-blues behind as it cruised to a 4-0 win at home against Zefirim Holon, while Maccabi Haifa scraped to a 1-0 victory against Maccabi Petah Tikva in Nahariya.

Newly-promoted Hapoel Jerusalem found the going tough, opening its season's account with

National League Toto Cup

Group A	P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts
Macc. Tel Aviv	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Zefirim Holon	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Hapoel Tel Aviv	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Group B

P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts	
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Macc. Haifa	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Macc. PT	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Group C

P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts	
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Bet. Jerusalem	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Hapoel Taiba	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Macc. Herzliya	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

Group D

P	W	O	L	F	A	Pts	
Hapoel Kfar Sava	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hapoel PT	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Hapoel Haifa	1	0	1	0	4	1	1
Hapoel Jerusalem	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Stewart leads England fightback with 170

LEEDS (Reuter) - Alec Stewart hit a timely 170 yesterday as England's middle order batsmen hauled its side back into the second Test against Pakistan at Headingley.

The Surrey opener, who has struggled to hold his place in the side this summer, cracked his first Test century for two years and his second-highest Test score ever as England moved to within sight of Pakistan's first innings total of 448.

When bad light brought play to a close about 20 minutes early on the third day, they were 375 for five, 75 behind with five wickets in hand.

Nick Knight, back in the side at No. 6 after opening the batting against India at Edgbaston earlier in the summer, was still at the wicket having completed a fluent third Test half-century.

His 50 came from 66 balls and included seven fours, and he ended the day on 51 with Jack Russell on nought not out.

Stewart held the England fightback together throughout almost the entire day.

He shared a stand of 107 with Nasser Hussain, the only England victim during a rain-delayed and

shortened morning session, and then saw Graham Thorpe dismissed for 16.

The left-handed Thorpe, who hit a gutsy 77 in the first innings of the first Test at Lord's, edged a sharply turning delivery from Mushtaq Ahmed onto his pads and into the hands of Shadab Kabir at short leg.

Stewart, defending patiently and content to crack Mushtaq's occasional wayward ball to the boundary, reached his eighth Test century from 168 balls after 242 minutes at the wicket.

His final 70 runs came in partnerships with John Crawley, who hit a lively 53 on his return to the Test side before being caught behind by Moin Khan when trying to drive Uta-ur-Rehman through the covers, and Knight.

Stewart fell half an hour before stumps, caught and bowled while attempting to straight-drive Mushtaq.

The England opener's 170, which included 24 fours, came off 315 balls and took 432 minutes. It was 20 runs short of his highest Test score - the 190 he hit against Pakistan at Edgbaston in 1992.

To England's relief, the ball

failed to swing under heavy cloud cover at Leeds and a tired-looking Wagar Younis finished with costly figures of one for 110 from 22 overs. Mushtaq took two for 94 from 35 while Rehman and captain Wasim Akram claimed a wicket apiece.

Pakistan leads the three-match series 1-0.

Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between England and Pakistan at Headingley yesterday

Pakistan first innings 448 (Ijaz Ahmed 141, Moin Khan 105, Salim Malik 55, Asif Mujtaba 51)

England first innings (overnight 104-1)

M.Atherton c Moin Khan b Wasim Akram	12
A.Stewart c and b Mushtaq Ahmed	170
N.Hussain c and b Wagar Younis	48
G.Thorpe c SKabir b M.Ahmed	16
J.Crawley c Moin Khan b Ata-ur-Rehman	53
N.Knight not out	51
J.Russell not out	0
Extras (b-7 lb-15 nb-1)	23
Total (for five wickets, 110 overs)	375
Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-21 3-188 4-257 5-365	

To bat: C.Lewis, D.Cork, A.Cadock, A.Mulaly. Bowling (to date): Wasim Akram 27-8-72-1, Wagar Younis 23-3-110-1, Ata-ur-Rehman 18-1-89-1, Mushtaq Ahmed 35-12-84-2, Asif Mujtaba 7-5-6-0.

Sierra reaps revenge in the Bronx

NEW YORK (AP) - Ruben Sierra marked his return to Yankee Stadium with his first homer for Detroit and five RBIs as the Tigers beat New York 5-3 on Friday.

Sierra, traded by the Yankees to the Tigers on July 31 for Cecil Fielder, hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a two-run double in the fifth. He accounted for all the runs off Andy Pettitte (16-7), who leads the AL in wins.

Fielder hit a two-run homer in his first game against his former team. It was his 29th overall, and third for the Yankees.

Sierra's homer was his 12th of the season. He came into the game with only two RBIs in 21 at-bats for the Tigers.

John Cummings (2-0) pitched 2 1/2 hitless innings in relief of starter AJ Sager.

Rangers 5, Blue Jays 4

Juan Gonzalez hit the 100 RBI mark and Ivan Rodriguez homered and drove in three runs as Texas won on the road.

The 26-year-old Gonzalez reached 100 RBIs for the fourth time in his career, most in Rangers history.

Gonzalez singled home a run in the seventh for a 5-4 lead. Rusty Greer tripled with one out off Paul Quantrill (4-11) and scored on Gonzalez's hit.

Red Sox 9, Brewers 7 (1st)

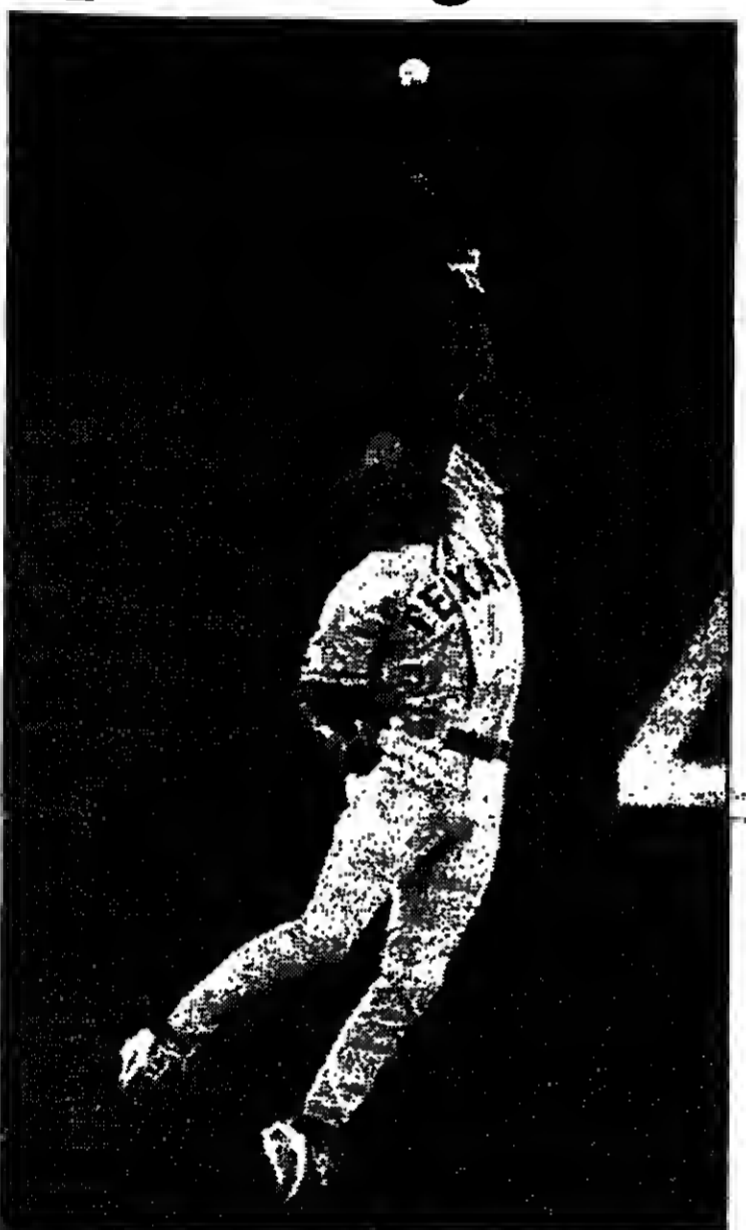
Red Sox 4, Brewers 1 (2nd)

Vaughn Eshelman came within one out of his first career complete game as visiting Boston finished off a doubleheader sweep.

Eshelman (6-3) gave up six hits and Stan Belinda got the last out for his first save. Ricky Bones (7-12) was the loser.

Troy O'Leary hit a three-run homer that highlighted Boston's win in the opener.

Jeff Suppan (1-1) was the winner and Heathcliff Slocumb got his 17th save. Former Boston pitcher Tim VanEgmond (1-1) took the loss.



BAD HOP - Rangers CF Darryl Hamilton jumps as a short fly, hit by Blue Jays' Tomas Perez, bounces over his head for a triple.

McDowell (10-6), activated Friday after being sidelined three weeks because of a muscle strain in his right forearm, went five innings, striking out six and walking none in winning his fourth straight decision.

McDowell gave up three runs and seven hits in his first start since July 21.

With Cleveland ahead 4-3 in the seventh, Belle hit a two-run homer to move within one of major league leader Mark McGwire, who fanned three times after a first-inning sacrifice fly.

Dave Telgheder (1-3) took the loss.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Rockies 6, Braves 4

Andres Galaraga singled home two runs to cap a three-run seventh inning as Colorado rallied for a road victory over Tom Glavine.

Colorado, the second worst road team in the NL at 20-36, has won four in a row on the road.

The Rockies trailed 4-2 entering the seventh, but loaded the bases off Glavine (12-6).

Galaraga's two RBIs give him 104, breaking a tie with teammate Dante Bichette for the NL lead.

Rookie Jamey Wright (3-1) won his second straight start. He and three relievers retired the final 13 batters, and Bruce Ruffin pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

Glavine's four-game winning streak ended with his first loss in eight starts since June 28 at Florida. Chipper Jones hit his 24th homer for the Braves.

Giants 8, Cardinals 6

Barry Bonds hit three run-scoring singles and Oswaldo Fernandez ended his six-game losing streak as San Francisco won at St. Louis.

After losing eight straight on the road, the Giants have won two in a row at Busch Stadium.

Rookie first baseman Desi Wilson and Glenallen Hill each had three of the Giants' 16 hits.

Darryl's 5 in 3; Eddie's 494th

Darryl Strawberry hit two home runs on Thursday, giving him five in his last three games to lead best New York to an 8-4 victory over Chicago.

Strawberry, who hit three home runs in a 9-2 win Tuesday night, capped a four-run third inning with a three-run homer off starter Luis Andujar (0-2). He added a solo shot homer in the fifth, his eighth since joining the Yankees on July 7.

Also on Thursday, Eddie Murray moved past Lou Gehrig into sole possession of 15th place on the career homer list as visiting Baltimore beat Milwaukee 6-4.

Murray's 15th homer of the year and 494th of his career came off reliever Doug Jones in the sixth and put Baltimore ahead 6-2.

Twins 6, Mariners 5

Pat Meares hit a three-run homer, capping a six-run rally in the fourth inning that sent Minnesota to an away win.

Randy Johnson, making his second relief appearance in four days for the Mariners, pitched three shutout innings. The 1995 Cy Young winner, who allowed four hits and struck out three, is working out of the bullpen while returning from back problems.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 35th home run, helping the Mariners take an early 3-0 lead. But the Twins rallied to win their fourth straight game, coming back against Bob Wolcott (7-9).

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Florida 2, New York 1 (10)
Houston 5, Philadelphia 1
Chicago 11, Montreal 9
San Diego 4, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 9, Los Angeles 4
Colorado 6, Atlanta 4
San Francisco 8, St. Louis 6

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Houston 6, Montreal 2
New York 3, Florida 0
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 1
San Diego 12, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 3 (10)

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Boston 9, Milwaukee 7 (1st)
Boston 4, Milwaukee 1 (2)
Detroit 5, New York 3
Texas 5, Toronto 4
Chicago 4, Baltimore 3 (10)
Kansas City 5, California 3
Minnesota 6, Seattle 5
Cleveland 10, Oakland 4

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Toronto 9, Boston 6
New York 8, Chicago 4
Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 4
Oakland 2, Kansas City 1
Minnesota 13, California 6
Cleveland 3, Seattle 1
Detroit 3, Texas 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	70	44	.614
Montreal	63	51	.553
New York	56	62	.470
Florida	53	63	.457
Phila	48	68	.414

Central Division

W	L	Pct	
Houston	62	54	.534
St. Louis	61	55	.526
Cincinnati	56	55	.505
Chicago	56	58	.491
Pittsburgh	51	65	.440

West Division

W	L	Pct	
San Diego	63	55	.534
Colorado	60	55	.522
Los Angeles	59	56	.513
San Francisco	49	65	.430

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct
New York	68	46	.596
Baltimore	59	55	.518
Boston	55	61	.474
Toronto	53	63	.457
Detroit	41	74	.357

Central Division

W	L	Pct	
Cleveland	71	45	.612
Chicago	64	52	.552
Minnesota	56	59	.487
Milwaukee	55	62	.470
Kansas City	54	63	.462

West Division

W	L	Pct	
Texas	64	52	.552
Seattle	60	54	.526
Oakland	57	60	.487
California	52	63	.452

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5 killed in weekend road mishaps

Gov't agrees to set up authority to prevent accidents

FIVE people were killed and two suffered serious injuries in road accidents over the weekend, as the government took steps to intensify the war on traffic accidents.

At its weekly meeting on Friday, the government approved Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's proposal to set up a national authority for traffic accident prevention. The cabinet also decided to immediately establish a steering committee to implement a program for combating traffic accidents.

"This [problem] has long been a serious blow (to the country) and terribly painful for the families, and must be solved," Netanyahu said. "The number of traffic accidents can be significantly reduced."

Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy presented the cabinet with a list of causes of road accidents. He noted that the number of deaths from traffic accidents since the country's establishment is greater than the loss of life in all of the wars and terror attacks.

A six-year-old boy was killed yesterday afternoon when he suddenly ran across the main road near Kibbutz Ginossar and was hit by a car. The boy, who was with his family, was declared dead at the scene. Police detained the driver and are investigating the accident.

Last night, a bicyclist was hit and killed by a passing car on the coastal road, north of Netanya.

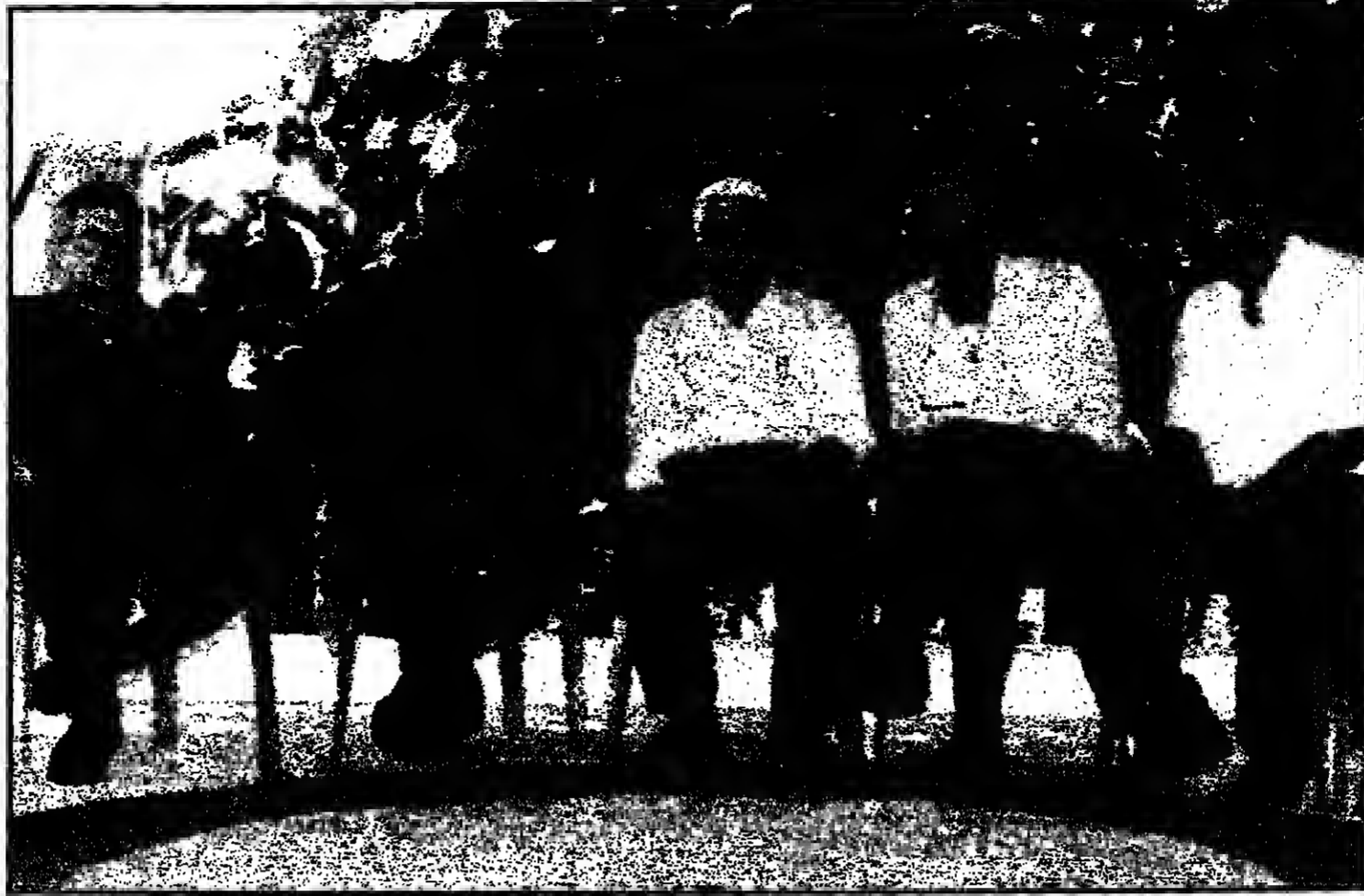
Also last night, 70-year-old pedestrian was run over and killed near Bat Yam's promenade.

A 69-year-old woman from Bethlehem was killed yesterday morning in the Shuafat refugee camp as she was crossing a street. She had just gotten off a bus and was hit by a taxi cab that tried to pass.

Before dawn Friday, a driver lost control of the wheel and crashed into a tree on the Zichron Ya'acov-Pardess Hanna road. He was brought with serious injuries to Hadera's Hillel Yaffe Hospital, where he died Friday afternoon.

In a similar incident, a Tel Aviv man, 34, suffered serious injuries yesterday afternoon when he crashed into a tree on Tel Aviv's Rehov Schoken. Police said they found many tickets for traffic violations in the man's car.

In Rehovot, a Romanian worker suffered severe injuries when he was hit by a car after stepping down from a traffic island Friday night. He was brought to Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital.



OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine (left) and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak pay a condolence call at the home of the Aslan family in the Galilee village of Kafr Kama on Friday. (IDF Spokesman)

Weizman visits family of slain soldier

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman and government and military officials made condolence calls on Friday to the family of St.-Sgt. Tehauhu Aslan, a Circassian medic who was killed in south Lebanon on Wednesday.

During his visit to the family's Kafr Kama home, Weizman praised the loyalty of the Circassian community.

"There is not a single citizen who does not appreciate the Circassian community's contribution to the security of the state, from the state's founding until today," Weizman said. "This village and this community have made a huge contribution, in relation to their size, to the country's security."

OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai also traveled to the Galilee village to comfort the family. He praised Aslan, killed while on his way to help two wounded comrades. He promised Aslan's mother that he would do everything possible to fulfill her requests regarding another family member who is serving in the same unit.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who also visited the family, pledged that the IDF would retaliate against Hizbullah.

Interior Minister Eli Suissa and other ministry representatives also came to comfort Aslan's father, Abed Hamid, who has worked for the ministry for the past 34 years.

Hizbullah fires mortars from village, violate cease-fire

HIZBULLAH over the weekend violated the limited cease-fire agreement by firing mortar rounds from a village at IDF soldiers in the security zone, security sources said.

The shelling caused no damage or injuries, the army said, and the IDF returned fire. The sources said Hizbullah gunmen fired the mortars from inside the village of Braachit, east of Kiryat Shmona.

The sources noted that this violated the agreement following Operation Grapes of Wrath banning both sides from firing from or at civilian areas on either side of the border. The understandings, however, do not rule out attacks on Hizbullah, SLA, or IDF forces.

In the recent flare-up in south Lebanon, one Israeli soldier was killed and four wounded. Security sources said up to 10 Hizbullah gunmen have also been killed in clashes with the IDF and SLA.

The recent violation will undoubtedly be added to the list of IDF-declared violations by Hizbullah which Israel will raise with the five-nation monitoring committee, which convened for the first time on Thursday.

WEATHER

City	Temp Range	Forecast
Golan	18-30	partly cloudy
Haifa	22-31	partly cloudy
Tiberias	21-27	partly cloudy
Afula	20-33	partly cloudy
Samaritan	18-29	partly cloudy
Jerusalem	18-29	partly cloudy
Beersheba	19-34	partly cloudy
Dead Sea	29-39	partly cloudy
Eilat	27-38	partly cloudy

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Forecast
Amsterdam	10	20	partly cloudy
Bangkok	25	35	partly cloudy
Berlin	15	25	partly cloudy
Bombay	25	35	partly cloudy
Buenos Aires	15	25	partly cloudy
Calcutta	25	35	partly cloudy
Chicago	15	25	partly cloudy
Copenhagen	10	20	partly cloudy
Dublin	10	20	partly cloudy
Frankfurt	15	25	partly cloudy
Geneva	15	25	partly cloudy
Hankou	25	35	partly cloudy
Hong Kong	25	35	partly cloudy
Honolulu	25	35	partly cloudy
Interpola	25	35	partly cloudy
Jakarta	25	35	partly cloudy
Kobe	25	35	partly cloudy
London	15	25	partly cloudy
Los Angeles	15	25	partly cloudy
Moscow	15	25	partly cloudy
Mumbai	25	35	partly cloudy
New Delhi	25	35	partly cloudy
New York	15	25	partly cloudy
Paris	15	25	partly cloudy
Rome	15	25	partly cloudy
Singapore	25	35	partly cloudy
Tokyo	25	35	partly cloudy
Yokohama	25	35	partly cloudy
Zurich	15	25	partly cloudy

Sharon to head ministerial panel probing Beduin claims

THE government has decided to set up a ministerial committee to examine policy on Beduin affairs, to be headed by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the cabinet at its Friday meeting that the committee would deal with questions of land in the Beduin sector and finding permanent housing for those Beduin not living in existing settlements.

The decision came following repeated violent clashes between Beduin and police near Omer in the Negev, where the Beduin claim that development work is taking place on their lands.

Hundreds of Beduin citizens from all over the country demonstrated Friday outside the Prime Minister's Office during the cabinet meeting, protesting that they were discriminated against compared to the Jewish sector.

They said that they had been living in the area of Omer before the houses there were built, but that they were receiving fewer services than their Jewish neighbors in the villa suburb.

Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, who met representatives of the demonstrators, informed them that the committee had been set up.

Security checks at B-G Airport causes travelers to miss flights

WITH Ben-Gurion Airport bursting at the seams, the Transportation Ministry is preparing more early check-in systems, but that is small consolation to John van der Walt, a South African travel agent who had to wait so long for a security check that he missed his Friday El Al flight.

Van der Walt, a Christian supporter of Israel, said he has brought thousands of visitors here, but after this weekend's experience, his enthusiasm has been dampened. On Friday, he said, he had come to the airport three hours early, but the lone security official could not handle the crowds. An hour before his flight was due to leave, the counter was closed, he said.

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He added not only did 25 passengers fail to get on the flight to South Africa, because of the security bottleneck, but another 25 were turned away from their flight to Rome.

"We sell Israel, we sell Jerusalem, and then we get a slap in the face like that," he says.

According to van der Walt, rumors were rife at the airport that the bottleneck was the result of a power struggle between the security officers and El Al.

On Thursday, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy visited the airport and saw the crowds for himself. He announced a plan to establish satellite early check-in stations around the country, serving all the airlines.

El Al spokesman Nachman Kileman admitted that the lines are very long, but he denied that there was any friction between the security people and the airline.

Kileman also said that the increased security may have also been the result of an expose on Friday by the daily *Yediot Aharonot*, in which a reporter, disguised as a disabled passenger in a wheelchair, had smuggled a dummy weapon and bomb onto a plane. Kileman said that it was understandable that the reporter, a Jewish Israeli, had not been subjected to an exhaustive search.

Swiss banks favor Holocaust legislation

ZURICH (Reuters) - The Swiss Banking Association said on Friday that it favors Swiss legislation to clear the way for a thorough investigation of assets Nazis confiscated from Jews.

But Silvia Matile, a spokeswoman for the Banking Association, said the main focus of the legislation should be to clear up what happened to the assets of Nazi victims. "With this legislation, we would like to get a historical clearing up of what happened before and during the war," she said.

The Banking Association noted there is already an agency and a commission of experts set up by the Swiss banks and international Jewish groups to work to restore assets to rightful owners.

Thus, while saying banks would cooperate, the Banking Association warned against focusing the investigation on the recovery of valuables. It also said the planned probe should respect the confidentiality of those concerned.

Jewish leaders, including the World Jewish Restitution Organization, the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency, are making efforts to defuse tension with Swiss bankers.

A Swiss investigation in February found 774 dormant accounts with a value of \$34 million, some of which may have belonged to Holocaust victims.

2 drown over weekend

A 32-year-old South African tourist drowned off Tel Aviv's Jerusalem Beach yesterday. A Magen David Adom team called to the scene failed to revive her.

In Caesarea, a 59-year-old man drowned Friday off the Aqueduct Beach. A 24-year-old woman who tried to help a friend who was pulled out to sea was in serious condition after nearby drowning. She was brought to Haifa's Rambam Hospital for treatment.

UJA advertisements get a free ride

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NEW YORK

A UJA affiliate has rolled out a new kind of advertising - ads that cover the rear windows of 100 Manhattan taxis. The New York affiliate, the UJA-Federation, is the guinea pig for a new kind of "advertising vehicle," known in the trade as "shrink-wrapped plastic."

When a media company asked permission to use this advertising in Manhattan, city officials said they would consider it, after a test this summer to ensure the ads do not create a safety hazard.

The test advertising was made available free to non-profit organizations, and the UJA-Federation was the first to jump at the offer.

"The taxis are all over New York, and it's another way to get our message out," a UJA-Federation spokesman said.

Taxi drivers and passengers can see from the inside out, but others see only the UJA message: "Rebuilding lives. Restoring hope."

A taxi travels more than 300 miles a day and is seen by more than 10,000 people, according to industry estimates. This kind of advertising would normally cost \$12,000 a month.

"We're using it now because it's pro bono," the spokesman said. "We have no intention of paying for this."

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